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ROOS — CZECH TEST

BY LOU GAUTIER

Czechoslovakian national coach Milan Macala is taking his team's Australian visit very seriously.

He is quoted in the mass-circulation, authoritative France Football as saying there no longer were

"easy" matches in international football, and that his players would respect the Socceroos despite comfortable wins here in 1980 and 1986.

Macala says the matches are important for Czechoslovakia.

vakia.

With so many of their leading players now based in foreign clubs, Macala says it is imperative for the new generation of his country's players to gain international experience to fill in for the expatriates if

they are not released by their European clubs.

Macala believes that the squad that will tour Australia will probably be the bulk of his 1994 World Cup team.

He also thinks the matches against the

Socceroos will benefit Czechoslovakia's Olympians, many of whom are in the touring party.

Macala is grooming the current Olympic team, probably the best in Europe, to step into the shoes of the cur-

rent national team in the next few years.

Czechoslovakia, which last won gold at the Olympics in Moscow in 1980, are hot favourites to do it again in Barcelona next year.

They may be visiting us without their

World Cup stars, none of whom were released by their European clubs, but Macala's tourists are more than strong enough to make it very tough for the match-starved Socceroos on January 30 in Melbourne and February 6 in Sydney.

Socceroos make their own World Cup luck

BY DR JERZY WRZOS*

COMMENT that FIFA has made it impossible for the Socceroos to qualify for the 1994 World Cup finals series in the United States is wide of the mark.

The point has to be emphasised at the stage when the Australian squad is about to face early warm up games against the touring Czechoslovakian side.

The history of the World Cup shows that there are some easier and some more difficult games in the eliminations.

The end result is not decided by



JERZY WRZOS

chance, but by the standard of the competitors and their physical and mental condition during the most important matches.

In contrast to the highly qualified teams, the elimination matches are of course a great hurdle for the weaker teams.

For a number of years Australia has been complaining about the bad luck of the draw, especially in World Cup of 1982, 1986 and 1990.

To be able to compete in the World Cup finals Australia must build up a strong team, as was done by the formerly unknown teams: Costa Rica, Cameroun, Colombia, United Arab Emirates and Egypt.

These teams provide the best example that the "easy way" in elimination matches has nothing to do with it.

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SYDNEY ACTION



LEFT: Marconi Fairfield's scoring wizard Zlatko Nastevski in a typical pose in Saturday night's round 16 encounter against Apia Leichhardt at Marconi Stadium — Pic: STEVEN GOSCH. RIGHT: George Jolevski (Preston) in control against Adem Poric (St George) at Connor Reserve in round 15 — Pic: JOE MONTEMURRO.



MELBOURNE ACTION

DRAW WITH NZ WILL SEND
JOEYS TO ECUADOR — Page 2

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JOEYS GREAT CHANCE

AS a result of New Zealand's unconvincing 3-0 win over Fiji on Saturday, the Joeys only have to draw in today's (Monday, January 21) final Oceania qualifier against the Kiwis to qualify for the World Cup finals in Ecuador in July.

Aussie coach Les Scheinflug is confident Australia will do just that though he is wary of the reaction of the New Zealanders, who always lift their game whenever they meet Australia on the sporting field.

Last week the teams drew 1-1 in their first match, with the locals matching the Joeys all the way.

Scheinflug also expressed some anguish at the refereeing of that vital match, which will again be officiated by a Fijian.

Meanwhile, in view of Israel's entanglement in the Gulf Crisis, there is a good chance they may pull out of their play-off against Australia for a berth in the (Under 20) Youth World Cup finals in Portugal.

The countries were to meet next month, originally in Israel.

— LOU GAUTIER

PRESTON — MARCONI, SYDNEY CROATIA — ADELAIDE CITY TOPS

High excitement for Sydney and Melbourne

BY ALISTAIR RUSSELL

PRESTON'S impressive home record faces its toughest test to date when they play host to leaders Marconi on Sunday.

While looking anything but semi-finalists on the road, Preston

are grimly hanging on to a place in the top five by virtue of their outstanding performances at Connor Reserve.

John Gardiner's men remain unbeaten and have conceded a miserly four goals in eight matches on their home turf, in fact they have not allowed a

Warren Spink, Andrew Zinni and Oscar Crino, they have tended to struggle.

Marconi, the current leaders, have dropped only one point in their last five matches, and look odds on to make their fourth consecutive grand final appearance.

They will certainly gain from the return of their powerhouse midfielder, Ian Gray, and should take the points.

For both Sydney Croatia and Adelaide City, the available two points are crucial for their ambitions.

City, with just two wins in eight matches away from home, have registered only two victories against Sydney Croatia down the years, and once again they will probably struggle this weekend.

Sydney Croatia have looked good in patches this season, but after a good start to this campaign have won only two of their last five games at home.

A draw looks favoured here, but if Croatia slip up again City will pounce, as Melbourne Croatia did a fortnight ago.

Apia Leichhardt will be fully stretched when they host the flamboyant Melbourne Croatia on Saturday.

Manfred Schaefer's merry men have won only one of their last six competition games. If they go down to the high-flying visitors, they will face an uphill battle for the play-offs.

With Francis Awari-tefe again the main destroyer, Melbourne Croatia have won their last three away from home, banging in eight goals in the process.

The tight confines of Lambert Park should suit Apia as they attempt to shackle the southerners' free-flowing brand of football.

Unbeaten in their last four home matches, Apia will once again be desperate for points and a draw looks likely.

An all-action affair should pack in the fans for the Maltese derby between Sunshine and Parramatta Melita at Skinner Reserve.

Sunshine hold a 100% record against the higher placed Eagles, averaging three goals a game in matches since the two

sides first met last season.

On their home patch George Cross have lost only once in their last six matches, Melita have been downed only twice away from Melita Stadium in eight matches.

Melita, looking for a way through to the semi-finals, should snare their first point from their Melbourne brothers in a match to be played this Saturday evening.

Sydney Olympic, beaten only once in their last eight matches, take on the struggling St George, on their mutual home patch this Sunday.

Unbeaten on this ground this season, reigning champions Olympic will start hot favourites for the points despite slipping up by missing full points against bottom side Wollongong Macedonia yesterday.



MARCO PERINOVIC (right)

With Andrew Bernal returning from suspension, and Marco Perinovic back after a long lay-off through injury, Olympic are at full strength and should win handsomely.

South Melbourne.

despite being held to a 0-0 draw in round 4, should be far too classy for the visiting Wollongong Macedonia, while Wollongong City may just have the edge when they entertain Heidelberg.



Rod Brown (Apia) challenged by Marconi defender Jean-Paul de Marigny at Marconi Stadium on Saturday night. Photo: STEVEN GOSCH.

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Aussie women play Malmo at St George

I'd like to remind all the supporters going to see the Sydney Olympic vs St George game next Sunday (January 27) that they will be witness to a double-header, beginning at 5pm.

The first game is between the female Socceros and the touring Malmo professional club team from Sweden.

Those who haven't seen women play before at top level will be highly impressed by the standard of play, which has come a long way in recent times.

Having played some exhibition games before NSL games in recent years, I've found that spectators really enjoy watching the women play.

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Marconi turns heat on Apia

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

MARCONI used superior tactics in Saturday night's steamy conditions at Marconi Stadium to melt down arch rivals Apia Leichhardt 2-0.

The competition leaders completed a double victory against their Italian foes and maintained their position as the current NSL leaders.

Marconi had defeated Apia 1-0 at Lambert Park in round 1, and their fans believed that they could reverse that result.

The two sides have met 28 times for 12 wins apiece, but since Berti Mariani took over, Marconi has reeled off eight victories from their last nine encounters.

Peter Katholos, Marconi's ball-playing midfielder, and a former Apia player, was the architect of Apia's destruction.

A former Socceroo midfielder, he scored the first goal and made the second for substitute striker, David Seal.

After the match, a completely exhausted Katholos told ASW: "It's been a long time

between drinks for me, and in that unbearable heat the Marconi boys were just magnificent."

Ironically Apia should have taken the lead when a Gerry Gomez cross rifled in from the right and was headed strongly from point-blank range by

striker, Paul McFadden.

But Marconi's giant goalkeeper, Bobby Catlin, pull off a magnificent one-gloved diving save on the line.

From this moment on, Marconi grabbed full control, using hot-weather football tac-

tics to conserve much their needed energy.

Paul Okon, Marconi's teenage sweeper, chimed into the attack in the 27th minute by raiding up the left.

Okon released a well-measured pass to the unmarked Katholos, and, after the grateful midfielder made two touches, he launched a left-footed, Sparrow-missile from 17 metres that blew up Apia's net.

Eight minutes from halftime, Marconi's ever-alert striker, David Lowe, unleashed a fabulous inswinging drive from just inside the box, but was denied dividends as it crashed onto the base of Apia's right post.

In the second half, Marconi's midfield of Mark Jones, Katholos, Tommy McCulloch and John Markovski took complete control, with McCulloch instructed to drop back and allow Katholos freedom to push forward and create havoc with his skills.

In fact Katholos was busier than an American fighter-pilot flying over Baghdad as he ploughed into Apia defenders with the ball.



Apia's Paul McFadden gets the ball away, watched by Tom McCulloch of Marconi and referee John McConnell. Marconi won 2-0 at Bossley Park on Saturday night. — Photo by STEVEN GOSCH.

In the 70th minute, left-back, Jean-Paul de Marigny, stabbed a lovely ball to pick up Katholos wide on the left.

Katholos rounded the Apia defence and sliced back a magnificent ball to substitute striker Seal who rocketed a first timed blast into Apia's net.

Just five minutes prior, Markovski juggled the ball in mid-air, knocked across to Katholos as Katholos wall-passed back to Markovski, but the latter's

vicious left-footed shot just shaved the far post.

MARCONI: Catlin 7, Wheatley 7, Calderan 7, Okon 8, De Marigny 7, Jones 7, Katholos 8, McCulloch 7, Markovski 8 (Corica 83m), Lowe 7, Nasteviski 7 (Seal 55m).

APIA LEICHHARDT: Hughes 6, M.Brown 5 (Cinch 80m), Blagojevic 7, Stewart 7, Jennings 6, K.Okon 7, Ellem 6, Gomez 6, Bundalo 6, McFadden 7, R. Brown 6 (McQuarrie 65m).

SCORERS: P. Katholos 27m and D.Seal 70m for Marconi.

YELLOW CARDS: P. Okon 60m for Marconi and McFadden 35m for Apia.

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W'gong Macedonia — Syd Olympic draw

Newcomer Murray to fore in thriller

BY LEN CHAFER

IN a thrilling game at Brandon Park, Wollongong Macedonia held Sydney Olympic to a 2-2 draw in front of 4,664 satisfied patrons.

Olympic took the lead in the ninth minute when Scott Ollerenshaw nodded on a cross from Alistair Edwards on the right flank, from whence a lurking Abbas Saad made no mistake from close range.

Macedonia drew level in the 36th minute when Peter Murray scored from a harmless looking ball, lobbed forward from the midfield.

Newly signed Peter Murray and Olympic defender Nick Plataniotis both jostled for possession, but the ball bounced over the unlucky Plataniotis for Murray to head into the roof of the net.

Olympic scored their second goal two minutes before half-time when Saad let fly with a right foot shot, which Macedonia keeper Peter Wilson tipped over the bar.

From the corner taken by Saad, Edwards, who was on the



ROBBIE IRONSIDE:

goal line at the far post, jumped with a defender and the ball hit him in the back and went into the goal.

It was in 50th minute when Macedonia came from behind again to level the score when Adam Sandy pushed a ball wide on the right flank to Zeljko Jurin, whose cross found John Cavanah in the six yard box near the far post.

Cavanah took the ball well and slammed it past Clint Gosling to make the score 2-2.

Wollongong Macedonia had the first attack as early as the third minute when Brett Thornthwaite was put through by Murray on the lefthand side of the penalty area.

Gosling was equal to the task however and took Thornthwaites' shot low down.

Olympic came close to scoring two minutes later when a Robbie Ironside drive from about 30 metres out just skimmed over the bar.

Saad then scored his goal in the ninth minute to put Olympic one goal in front.

Some minutes later Kay had a 25 metre drive just miss the near post.

It was Olympic's turn in the 25th minute when Saad and Ironside combined well on the right side, but Saad's shot was put away for a corner by goalkeeper Wilson.

At the other end a ball came to Sandy in the penalty area but he took too long to put in his shot and the ball was cleared upfield.

Murray then equalised for Macedonia in the 36th minute after a mistake by the Olympic defence.

Three minutes later a corner by Saad found Ironside in the goal area but his powerful header was tipped over the bar by Wilson.

Play went from end to end throughout the first half and had the large crowd chanting for more, with Edwards putting Olympic in front with a fluke goal for a 2-1 halftime lead.

It only took Macedonia five minutes into the second half to equalise through Cavanah.

In fact Macedonia could have taken the lead in the 54th minute when Sandy flicked on a cross from Jurin to Murray but his shot missed the goal from only six metres out.

The game lost its first half fire towards the end, and while Olympic coach Mick Hickman was disappointed, home coach Casey De Bruin was delighted at the way his team played.

WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA: P Wilson 8, Cavanah 7, Dimov 6, D Wilson 7, Bourke 7, Kay 6, Sandy 6, Jurin 6 (Markovski 66), Naumov 7, Murray 7, Thornthwaite 6.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Gosling 6, Barrett 6, Hooker 6, Spyridakos 7, Plataniotis 6, Phillips 6, Ollerenshaw 6, Edwards 6, Saad 8, Ironside 7, Refenes 6.

GOALSCORERS: Saad 9m, Edwards 44m (Oly), Murray 36m, Cavanah 50m (MW).

YELLOW CARDS: Bourke 4m, Dimov 73m (MW), Edwards 56m (Oly).
REFEREE: Richard Lorenc 8.

CROWD: 4,664.

Young Saints draw with the rugged Wolves

BY JOHN ECONOMOS



St George's Craig Moffitt

A courageous 1-1 draw with higher placed Wollongong City at St George Stadium last night left St George languishing in third last spot on the NSL ladder.

Heavily sprinkled with promoted teenagers — understandably inexperienced — the Saints accounted well for themselves against the tenacious, rugged Wolves.

Wollongong's Zivko Hristovski shaved the St George left post as early as in the fourth minute, and eight minutes later a Pat Brodnik cross from the right found Mladin Kuc going wide of the target from 10 metres.

Wollongong eventually opened the score in the 18th minute when flank-striker Kuc shook off two very tame tackles before striking into the net from just six metres.

St George striker Zoran Ilic blasted a shot from 30 metres out in the 26th minute that had Wollongong's goalkeeper Tony Pezzano at full stretch to tip over his crossbar.

Four minutes after halftime St George finally equalised, with Zoran Ilic the hero.

Causing problems throughout the match for Wollongong's defence, Ilic cracked a spectacular inswinging drive on an angle from 20 metres out that curled just inside the far post.

A minute later Saints should have scored yet a second when teenage striker Shaun Freestone with only Pezzano to beat, skied his effort over the crossbar.

The match was marred by the issuing of seven yellow cards, of which five were flashed to the visitors by

Queensland's FIFA referee, Bill Monteverde.

The Wolves came perilously close to scoring again when tenacious midfielder David Skeen skirted wide to the right before whipping in a cross to striker Pat Brodnik. But Brodnik's outstretched volley from eight metres flew over the bar.

Skeen himself tried his luck in the 74th minute with a rocketing drive from 25 metres that skimmed over John Filan's crossbar.

Wollongong again threatened in the closing minutes in their attempt to salvage both the points.

Left midfielder Ibro Cahut, in meeting a cross on the far post and five metres out, guided his header over the bar.

Wolves coach and former World Cup centre-back David Ratcliffe commented after the match: "We threw it away after 20 minutes. In the end we got only just what we deserved."

St George roving South American striker Osvaldo El-Ali vainly tried to get the home team going with constant switches of play, but the inexperienced young Saints failed to capitalise on his enterprise.

ST GEORGE: Filan 6, Cianter 5, O'Shea 6, Moffitt 6, Spanoudakis 5 (Harper 30 5), Poric 5, Kakakios 7 (Milicevic 73), Ilic 7, El-Ali 8, Freestone 6.

WOLLONGONG CITY: Pezzano 7, Green 7, Morlando 6, Yankos 6, Cahut 6, Hristovski 5 (Lloyd 67), Skeen 7, Hollifield 6, Kuc 6, Bates 5 (Farmer 67m), Brodnik 7.

GOALSCORERS: Kuc 18m (WC), Ilic 49m (StG).

YELLOW CARDS: Spanoudakis 22m, El-Ali 60m (SG), Hristovski 23m, Hollifield 44m, Lloyd 70m, Cahut 82m, Morlando 86m (WC).

REFEREE: B Monteverde 6.
CROWD: 1,097.

The real Adcity stands up

BY ALAN CLARK

ADELAIDE City practised shooting at training last week, and it paid handsome dividends in a resounding 4-1 win against glamour side South Melbourne at Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday night.

City turned on the heat in the second half and over ran Souths.

A thundering 20 metre goal from young Soccerroo Tony Vidmar four minutes into the second half was followed up by goals from Steve Maxwell and skipper Sergio Melta as City turned in their best home performance of the

season.

Tony Vidmar created panic in the Hellas defence after 11 minutes but no Adelaide player could push home the ball after a hectic penalty area scramble.

Both sides opened effectively and Adcity striker Steve Maxwell had the ball in the net at the 12 minute mark but was ruled offside.

Wade returned a minute later after treatment to his cut, and watched as Peter Tsolakis fired in a crisp 25 metre shot which went just over the cross bar.

However the break came for Adcity in the 19th minute when Carl Veart latched onto a Maxwell shot that deflected from a crowd of Hellas defenders.

Veart's header found the back of the net for a 1-0 Adelaide lead.

Referee John Fraser awarded South a penalty after 34 minutes when Paul Shillabeer fouled Paul Trimboli.

Trimboli scored from the spot to bring the teams level at 1-1.

With the scores locked at 1-1 at half-time, no-one could have guessed what was to come in the second period.

Soon after the break, zippy Adcity defender Tony Vidmar showed why he has been called into the Soccerroo squad with a supersonic shot that gave MacLaren no chance.

Gaining confidence, Adcity began to string together their elusive short-passing game and the flood-gates

opened.

Giant striker Steve Maxwell added to Hellas' misery with a well taken goal and then skipper Sergio Melta completed the cake-walk for the marauding South Australians.

ADELAIDE CITY: Zabi-ca 6, Shillabeer 6, T Vidmar 8, Ivanovich 7, Tobin 7, Melta 6, Csoboth 5, Veart 6, Mullen (Christopoulos 9 5), Maxwell 6, A Vidmar 6.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: MacLaren 7, Healy 6, Postecoglou 6, Durakovic 6, Blair 7, Wade (Fernandez 30 6), Taliadoros 6, Tasios 6 (Michalakopoulos 64), Trimboli 7, Boutsianis 5, Tsolakis 8.

GOALSCORERS: Veart 19m, T Vidmar 49m, Maxwell 73m, Melta 90m (AC), Trimboli 34m (SM).

YELLOW CARDS: Shillabeer 20m (AC), Taliadoros 74m, Postecoglou 83, Tsolakis 89m (SM).

REFEREE: John Fraser.

CROWD: 5,700.

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Melbourne Croatia's killer goals

BY GREG BLAKE

IT was heart break time for beleaguered Sunshine George Cross coach, Ernie Merrick, as he watched his young charges crash at the final hurdle in a 2-1 defeat at the hands of Melbourne Croatia at the Croatian Sports Centre.

powering home the match-opener.

Hasler turned on a loose ball from 20 metres out and hammered a vicious, writhing shot into the path of Melbourne Croatia goalkeeper David Miller.

Miller, with an unexpected lapse in concentration, allowed the ball to fall through his hands and drop behind him over the goal



Likeable Sunshine coach, Ernie Merrick, was not smiling on the weekend.

Merrick's side took a fifth minute lead and held it for the bulk of the afternoon, before succumbing to two killer goals in the final 16 minutes of action.

Merrick, whose job could be on the line following yesterday's game, admitted to "extreme disappointment" from the subdued visitors' room at Somers St.

"We tried to play for a point and defend, but we just don't have the experience to remain organized for 90 minutes."

Sunshine could not have asked for a more adrenalin pumping opening to the game, with exciting young striker Gary Hasler

line.

Melbourne Croatia, despite the absences of Milosevic, Duzel and Hannah, was content to chip its way back into the game by consistently testing an undermanned Sunshine backline with long high balls to its towering twin strikers, Frances Awaratife and Ivan Kelic.

With a clearly dominant midfield, Melbourne Croatia continually put Sunshine under pressure but to their credit the visitors took a long time to wilt.

The final showdown came as Croatia barged forward in the final 20 minutes, and the homeside's pati-



Melbourne Croatia's Soccerroo defender Alan Davidson in action in round 14 against South Melbourne's Paul Wade. JOE MONTEMURRO pic.

ence was rewarded with just 16 minutes left on the clock when Joe Caleta levelled at 1-1.

The long throw came in from Mark Talajic, Awaratife flicked the ball off from his head and the unmarked Caleta was on hand to guide his header home on the far post.

Ten minutes later Talajic set up the second goal with a similar long throw, with Andrew Marth this time getting the touch on and Kelic was on hand to smash the ball home in spectacular shot on the turn.

It was Kelic's 10th goal of the current NSL season.

Whilst conceding that yesterday's game was never a classic,

Melbourne Croatia boss Ken Worden was relieved with his side's come from behind victory.

"They made it hard for us all day and we had to be careful of them on the break," he said.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Miller 5, Davidson 7, Talajic 8, Selemidis 6, Marth 7, Silic 6 (Donnelly 74), White 6, Biskic 5, Caleta 6, Kelic 6, Awaratife 6.

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS: Keogh 6, Mori 6, Fabrizio 7, Waddell 5, Ketsakidis (Alevisos 23 5), C Foster 5, Kindtner 4 (Cranney 60), Hunter 7, Hasler 6, Clarkson 5, Di Amicis 6.

SCORERS: Caleta 74m, Kelic 82m (MC), Hasler 5m (SGC).

YELLOW CARDS: White 91m (MC), Hasler 58 (SGC).

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"Walking on air" on Sunday was Melbourne Croatia striker, Francis Awaratife. He was in dominant form in his side's 2-1 victory over Heidelberg. JOE MONTEMURRO pic.

QUIT NATIONAL LEAGUE TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Marconi.....	16	11	1	4	33	17	23
Melb. Croatia	16	10	3	3	37	27	23
South Melbourne	16	8	5	3	25	19	21
Preston	16	7	5	4	20	15	19
Sydney Olympic.....	16	5	8	3	19	17	18

Adelaide City	16	5	7	4	18	17	17
Sydney Croatia	16	4	8	4	20	20	16
Wollongong City	16	6	4	6	18	20	16
Parra Melita	16	5	5	6	22	20	15
Apia Leichhardt.....	16	5	4	7	19	18	14
Heidelberg Utd.....	16	3	7	6	17	22	13
St George	16	2	6	8	15	26	10

Sunshine GC	16	4	2	10	24	36	10
Wollongong Macedonia.....	16	1	7	8	12	25	9

Results

MARCONI 2 (Katholos, Seal) APIA LEICHHARDT 0 at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 5633.

ST GEORGE 1 (Ilic) WOLLONGONG CITY 1 (Kuc) at St George Stadium. Crowd: 1097.

HEIDELBERG UTD 1 (Rizopoulos) PRESTON 2 (I. Roodhouse, Trajanovski) at Olympic Village. Crowd: 6500.

MELBOURNE CROATIA 2 (Caleta, Kelic) SUNSHINE GC 1 (Hasler) at Somers St. Crowd: 4200.

PARRA MELITA 1 (Brown) SYDNEY CROATIA 1 (Kupresak) at Melita Stadium. Crowd: 4379.

WOLLONGONG MAC 2 (Murray, Cavanah) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 2 (Saad, Edwards), at Brandon Park. Crowd: 4664.

ADELAIDE CITY 4 (Veart, T. Vidmar, Maxwell, Melita) SOUTH MELBOURNE 1 (Trimboli) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Crowd: 5700.

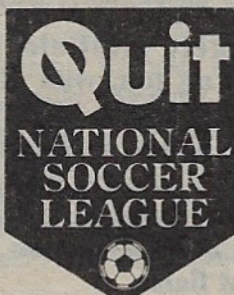
CROWDS

ROUND 16: 32,173
AVERAGE PER GAME: 4,596
TOTAL ATTENDANCE: 372,246
AVERAGE PER ROUND: 23,265

TOP SCORERS

TONY KRSLOVIC (Sydney Croatia)	14
DAVID SEAL (Marconi)	13
GREG BROWN (Parra Melita)	10
IVAN KELIC (Melbourne Croatia)	10
FRANCIS AWARITEFE (Melbourne Croatia)	8
WARREN SPINK (Preston)	7

QUIT NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE



WEEKEND
FIXTURES

ROUND 17



SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

APIA LEICHHARDT v MELBOURNE CROATIA

Lambert Park 6pm

SUNSHINE GC v MELITA EAGLES

Skinner Reserve 6pm

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

ST GEORGE v SYDNEY OLYMPIC

St George Stadium 7pm

STH MELBOURNE v WOLLONGONG MACEDONIA

Middle Park 6pm

PRESTON MAKEDONIA v MARCONI

Connor Reserve 6pm

SYDNEY CROATIA v ADELAIDE CITY

Croatian Spts Centre 6pm

WOLLONGONG CITY v HEIDELBERG UNITED

Brandon Park 6pm



AUSTRALIAN
AIRLINES



PLAYER AWARDS

Heidelberg v Preston

- 3 Bordignon (H)
2 Trianedes (P)
1 Brattan (H)

St George v Woll. City

- 3 El Ali (StG)
2 Kakakios (StG)
1 Ilic (StG)

Parra Melita v Syd. Croatia

- 3 Franken (SC)
2 Gonzalez (M)
1 Nowicki (M)

Melb. Croatia v Sunshine

- 3 Talajic (MC)
2 Fabrizio (SGC)
1 Marth (MC)

Marconi v Apia

- 3 P. Okon (M)
2 Markovski (M)
1 Katholas (M)

Woll. Mace v Syd. Olympic

- 3 Saad (SO)
2 P. Wilson (WM)
1 Murray (WM)

Adelaide City v South Melb.

- 3 T. Vidmar (AC)
2 Tsolakis (SMH)
1 Ivanovic (AC)

PLAYER POINTS

- 17: J. Filan (StG)
16: I. Petkovic (SC)
15: P. Okon (Mar)
14: A. Bundalo (Apia),
Stubbins (H), G. Phillips
(SO)

Parra Melita foiled by brilliant Tony Franken

BY FRANK SCICLUNA



TONY FRANKEN:

DISCARDED Soccer goalkeeper Anthony Franken put up an amazing show of defiance to save Sydney Croatia from defeat against a vastly superior Parramatta Melita Eagles in their 1-1 draw at South Granville last night.

Croatia came close to pulling off one of the season's greatest injustices when they took the lead with just 16 minutes remaining after being totally outplayed, but the Eagles hit back with an equaliser 60 seconds later to save the match.

Had it not been for Franken, Melita would have had the game safely in their keeping well before the end.

Sydney Croatia's 4-3 loss to Melbourne Croatia last week led to a major midfield shuffle with Mike Grbevski, Pedro Ricoy and John Gibson all losing their places in favour of Ante Rumora, Gordon Scott and Tony Popovic.

Melita on the other hand made just the one change, Andrew Callanan coming back from suspension for Jason Falzon.

Much of the first half was spoilt by both

teams giving away possession far too easily, with Croatia perhaps being the worst offenders.

What goalmouth action there was mostly came from the Eagles. Marshall Soper had a reasonable penalty claim turned down after he appeared to be pulled down in the sixth minute.

Callanan looked set to open the score in the 19th when he was beautifully set up by a cunning Washington Gonzalez cross, but his powerful attempt was well stopped by Franken.

The longer the first period went the more the Eagles grew in confidence.

Their midfield got well on top, with Gonzalez often chiming into attack intelligently and speedy winger Jarek Nowicki causing lots of problems on the right flank.

Melita's former Polish youth international Nowicki supplied striker Greg Brown with a good opportunity seconds before half-time, but his forceful

header from five metres was somehow pushed around the post by the diving Franken.

The Croatia keeper was again called upon to save his side 12 minutes after the interval, as the Eagles carried on where they had left off.

Soper picked up possession just over half-way and set sail towards goal with only sweeper Ned Zelic blocking his way.

The Melita striker made enough space for himself to unleash a low left foot drive which was heading inside the far post, only for Franken to go down sharply and deflect for a corner.

The long awaited goal finally arrived with 16 minutes remaining, but, completely against the run of play, it was Croatia that went ahead with a Velimir Kupresak header from a Manis Lamond corner finding its way past a bunch of defenders.

As if to vent their anger at the injustice of it all, Melita hit right back within a minute. Callanan sent Brown away between two defenders and after taking it one touch to control, drove his well placed low shot wide of the advancing Franken to level the scores.

PARRAMATTA MELITA: McPherson 7, Callanan 7, O'Donnell 6, Barrios 6, Gonzalez 7 (Mason 84), Cerro 6, Nowicki 7, Gimenez 6, Soper 6 (Gunning 66), Brown 6, Genc 6.
SYDNEY CROATIA: Franken 8, Carter 6, Popovic 6, Zelic 6, Kupresak 6, Stanton 6, Peckovic 6, Rumora 5 (Gibson 59), Scott 6, Lamond 6, Krslovic 6 (Koch 84).

GOALSCORERS: G Brown 75m (ME), Kupresak 74m (SC).

YELLOW CARDS: G Scott 55m (SC).

REFEREE: Alex Spiroski 6.

CROWD: 4,379.



A first class tussle between David Lowe (Marconi) at right, and Apia's former Marconi star, Gerry Gomez. — Photo: STEVEN GOSCH.

Preston's Kris Travanovski in last minute winner

BY PETROS KOSMOPOULOS

A suicidal back pass by Heidelberg defender Stuart Cannell allowed Kris Trajanovski to score the all important goal in his side's 2-1 away victory over Heidelberg yesterday evening at Olympic Village.

It was in the 89th minute when the Bergers' defender gave a back pass to his goalkeeper, allowing Warren Spink to shoot.

The ball was blocked by goalkeeper Jeff Olver, allowing Trajanovski to despatch it to the back of the net with a low shot.

The home side came into the game without the suspended Garry MacDowall, Willie Herd and Angelo Goutzoulis, who were replaced by Nick Ousalkas, George Slifkas and Les Carter.

Preston fielded strikers Andrew Zinni and Warren Spink, who both missed the previous match against St George because of injury.

Both teams played entertaining and attacking soccer in the first half in perfect conditions.

Heidelberg however created the first couple of chances and was unlucky not to open the score.

In the third minute, from a Terry Rizopoulos cross, Stuart Stevenson's header was saved brilliantly by Preston keeper, Phil Trianedes.

Three minutes later he made another brilliant save, tapping a Phil Stubbins volley over the crossbar for a corner.

It was Preston's turn to create two good chances as well in the first half.

In the 10th minute a Zinni shot hit the post,

and 11 minutes later an overhead shot by Spink went just over the crossbar.

It was the Bergers however who opened the score in the 23rd minute.

George Slifkas with a beautiful through ball found Terry Rizopoulos in the box and he smashed it into the net.

The visitors fought back after the setback and created a couple of chances to equalise, the best in the 40th minute when a George Petrov header was saved by Olver.

Preston's effort were rewarded in the 58th minute when Spink got away from Nick Ousalkas and Cannell, and his cross found the oncoming Ian Roodhouse, who scored the equaliser.

Heidelberg only created a couple of fruitless good chances in the second half, the best through Peter Bordignon in the 77th minute when his shot was saved well by Trianedes.

The game was heading for a draw, when, in the 89th minute an ill-timed back pass by Cannell put Olver under extreme pressure.

Although he blocked a Zinni shot he could not save a Trajanovski follow up, which ended up in the back of the net.

HEIDELBERG: Olver 5, Rizopoulos 6, Bordignon 7, Ousalkas 6, Cannell 5, Scott 5, Stubbins 4, Carter 4 (Van Egmond 60), Stevenson 3, Brattan 6, Slifkas 6.

PRESTON: Trianedes 7, Roodhouse 6, Jolevski 6, Jackson 5, Parton 5, Petrov 3 (Bekiaris 61), Zinni 5, Trajanovski 6, Spink 6, Spasevski 5 (Markovac 82), Tasevski 5.

SCORERS: Rizopoulos 23 (Heid), Roodhouse 58, Trajanovski 89 (Preston).

YELLOW CARDS: Stubbins 22, Van Egmond 67 (Heid), Spink 12, Petrov 53, Tasevski 84 (Preston).

REFEREE: Dennis Voutsinas 7.

CROWD: 6,500 (Estimated.)

Apia oldies on parade Sat night

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

FORMER Apia-Leichhardt great and current publicity manager Fil Bottalico is organising an "Apia Old Stars" vs "Media" match to be played before the main game Apia vs Melbourne Croatia at Lambert Park on Saturday.

This nostalgic-personality clash will kick-off at 4.30pm and will include super stars from yesteryear such as the lethal twin-strikers, Johnny Watkiss and Johnny Giacometti, Stan Ackerley, Archie Blue, Pat Hughes, Cliff van Blerk, Dave McQuire and of course the giant enforcer, Bottalico himself.

Bottalico told ASW last night: "I have ordered huge stocks of linament and ice in anticipation of Saturday's battle."

But the 'Golden-Oldies' despite their illustrious background will face some pretty stiff opposition as they line up against Media personalities.

The Media will include the Sydney Morning Herald's ace-writer Michael Cockerill, SBS' Andy Paschalidis, National coach Eddie Thomson, Marconi coach Berti Mariani, Apia's former Socceroo Peter Tredinnick, the ABC's Jimmy Freeman and former Everton player Alex Murphy.

And if these names won't be enough to carry the Media lads, former World Cup striker, John Kosmina last night agreed to strip and join them.

The Apia Old Boys will be conceding an average of 15 years each to their formidable opponents.

CYPRUS UTD SOCCER CLUB

JUNIOR TRIALS

The above soccer club will be holding trials for all junior squads on

Sunday January 27 & February 3

These trials will be staged at:

TEMPE RESERVE TEMPE. NSW.

Time 10.30am

Coach, Paul Logan and junior convener, Lakis Konistis, will be at these trials to grade and register the young players.

WANTIRNA SOCCER CLUB

1990 Provisional League Division 3 Champions

COACH REQUIRED

Victorian Provisional League Division 2 club invites applications for the vacant position of Senior Coach for the 1991 season.

For appointment, please ring Frank or Mrs Bot on 03 795 5291

CANTERBURY M'VILLE SOCCER FOOTBALL CLUB

TRIALS FOR YOUTH LEAGUE

Thurs 24, Mon 28, Thurs 31 January



M. URUKALO

Tempe Reserve from 6pm

Players particularly needed for under 13, 14, 15 yrs grades.

Contact Jim Ronis 709 2399 (Bus)

Trials conducted under First Grade Coach, Michael Urukalo

SOCCER POOLS



Get your Pools in!

It takes only six numbers to win.

MATCH RESULTS

WEEK 286

SAT. 19th JANUARY, 1991

ENGLISH DIVISION 1	COVENTRY	ASTON VILLA	1	2-1
	CRYSTAL P.	NORWICH	2	1-3
	LEEDS	LUTON	3	2-1
	LIVERPOOL	WIMBLEDON	4	1-1*
ENGLISH DIVISION 2	MAN. CITY	SHEFF. UNITED	5	2-0
	SOUTHAMPTON	NOTT'M. FOREST	6	1-1*
	SUNDERLAND	CHELSEA	7	1-0
	BLACKBURN	IPSWICH	8	0-1
ENGLISH DIVISION 3	BRIGHTON	WATFORD	9	3-0
	BRISTOL R.	WOLVES	10	1-1*
	MILLWALL	NEWCASTLE	11	0-1
	NOTTS COUNTY	MIDDLESBORO	12	3-2
ENGLISH DIVISION 4	OLDHAM	BARNLEY	13	2-0
	PLYMOUTH	BRISTOL CITY	14	1-0
	PORT VALE	PORTSMOUTH	15	3-2
	SHEFFIELD WED.	CHARLTON	16	0-0*
ENGLISH DIVISION 5	SWINDON	HULL	17	3-1
	WEST BROM.	OXFORD UNITED	18	2-0
	WEST HAM	LEICESTER	19	1-0
	BIRMINGHAM	CAMBRIDGE U.	20	0-3
ENGLISH DIVISION 6	BOLTON	SHREWSBURY	21	1-0
	BOURNEMOUTH	BRENTFORD	22	2-0
	CHESTER	BURY	23	1-0
	FULHAM	CREWE	24	2-1
ENGLISH DIVISION 7	GRIMSBY	PRESTON	25	4-1
	MANSFIELD	WIGAN A.	26	1-1*
	READING	EXETER	27	1-0
	ROTHERHAM	STOKE	28	0-0*
ENGLISH DIVISION 8	SOUTHEND	HUDDERSFIELD	29	0-1
	SWANSEA	LEYTON O.	30	2-0
	ALDERSHOT	ROCHDALE	31	2-2*
	BLACKPOOL	SCUNTHORPE	32	3-1
ENGLISH DIVISION 9	DARLINGTON	GILLINGHAM	33	2-0
	DONCASTER	CARLISLE	34	4-0
	HARTLEPOOL	CHESTERFIELD	35	2-0
	LINCOLN	BURNLEY	36	1-0
ENGLISH DIVISION 10	MAIDSTONE	YORK	37	5-4
	NORTHAMPTON	HEREFORD	38	3-0

THIS WEEK'S MATCH LIST

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SAT. 26th JANUARY, 1991

FA CUP ROUND 4	MILWALL	SHEFF. WED.	1
	NOTTS C.	OLDHAM	2
	PORTSMOUTH	BOURNEMOUTH	3
	BRADFORD C.	GRIMSBY	4
ENGLISH DIVISION 3	BURY	BIRMINGHAM	5
	EXETER	MANSFIELD	6
	HUDDERSFIELD	FULHAM	7
	PRESTON	SOUTHEND	8
ENGLISH DIVISION 4	BURNLEY	STOCKPORT	9
	CARDIFF	LINCOLN	10
	CARLISLE	HEREFORD	11
	CHESTERFIELD	TORQUAY	12
ENGLISH DIVISION 5	HALIFAX	DARLINGTON	13
	SCUNTHORPE	MAIDSTONE	14
	WALSALL	PETERBORO	15
	WREXHAM	BLACKPOOL	16
ENGLISH DIVISION 6	YORK	HARTLEPOOL	17
	ALTRINCHAM	KETTERING	18
	BARNET	BATH	19
	BOSTON U.	YFOVIL	20
G.M. VAUXHALL CONF. PREMIER DIVISION	CHELLENHAM	RUNCORN	21
	MERTHYR T.	WELLING UTD.	22
	NORTHWICH	KID'MINSTER	23
	STAFFORD	GATESHEAD	24
G.M. VAUXHALL CONF. PREMIER DIVISION	SUTTON UTD	COLCHESTER	25
	TELFORD	FISHER ATH.	26
	WYCOMBE	BARROW	27
	BISHOP AUK.	BANGOR	28
H.F.S. LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION	FRICKLEY A.	GOOLE	29
	HORWICH	MARINE	30
	LEEK	HYDE	31
	MATLOCK	FLEETWOOD	32
H.F.S. LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION	MORECAMBE	WITTON A.	33
	MOSSLEY	SHEPHERD	34
	S. LIVERPOOL	DROYLSDEN	35
	SOUTHPORT	GAINSBORO	36
H.F.S. LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION	STALYBRIDGE	CHORLEY	37
	* ATHERSTONE	RUGBY	38
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION	BROMSGROVE	CAMBRIDGE C.	39
	CHELMSFORD	WORCESTER	40
	DORCHESTER	RUSHDEN	41
	FARNBORO	GRAVESEND	42
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION	MOOR GREEN	BURTON A.	43
	POOLE	GLOUCESTER	44
	WEALDSTONE	HALESOWEN	45
	WEYMOUTH	DOVER	46
TENNENT'S SCOTTISH CUP 3RD ROUND	ABERDEEN	MOTHERWELL	47
	AIRDRIE	HEARTS	48
	CLYDEBANK	AYR	49
	DUNDEE	BRECHIN	50
TENNENT'S SCOTTISH CUP 3RD ROUND	FORFAR	CELTIC	51
	KILMARNOCK	ARBROATH	52
	PARTICK	FALKIRK	53
	RAITH	HAMILTON	54
TENNENT'S SCOTTISH CUP 3RD ROUND	S. JOHNSTONE	BERWICK	55

* BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE PREM. DIV.

★ Winning match numbers and supplementary number.

RESULTS AND DIVIDEND HOTLINES

Phone: 00555 0787 Australia Wide. Or, Sydney (02) 11520; Melbourne (03) 11521; Brisbane (07) 11699; Adelaide (08) 11521; Perth (09) 11520.

Results are available from 8pm. Sundays, dividends after 5pm Mondays.

THE POOLS RESULTS HISTORY AT 14/1/91 — WEEK 285

NO. OF TIMES EACH NUMBER OCCURRED																NO. OF WEEKS SINCE EACH NUMBER OCCURRED													
1	32	36	43	22	35	51	38	54	4	4	1	1	11	6	1	3	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
2	48	61	57	62	50	57	59	52	5	0	5	2	13	4	2	0	58	49	41	59	55	57	56	54	2	7	1	0	2
3	58	49	41	59	55	57	56	54	2	7	1	0	2	3	9	2	52	58	57	68	68	78	59	57	0	7	0	2	3
4	60	71	63	75	58	60			33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	60	71	63	75	58	60			1	2	9	0	1

Results History is from Week 38, the start of Six from 38 Pools

RESULTS OF WEEK 286 SAT 19 JANUARY, 1991

Winning Match Numbers (in numerical order):
4, 6, 10, 26, 28, 31.
Supplementary Number: 16.

English Division 1

Arsenal 1 Everton 0
Coventry 2 Aston Villa 0
Crystal Palace 1 Norwich 3
Leeds 2 Luton 1
Liverpool 1 Wimbledon 1
Manchester City 2 Sheffield Utd 0
QPR 1 Manchester Utd 1
Southampton 1 Nottingham Forest 1
Sunderland 1 Chelsea 0

English Division 3

Birmingham 0 Cambridge 3
Bolton 1 Shrewsbury 0
Bournemouth 2 Brentford 0
Chester 1 Bury 0
Fulham 2 Crewe 1
Grimsby 4 Preston 1
Reading 1 Exeter 0
Rotherham 0 Stoke 0
Southend 0 Huddersfield 1

English Division 4

Aldershot 2 Rochdale 2
Blackpool 3 Scunthorpe 1
Doncaster 4 Carlisle 0
Hartlepool 2 Chesterfield 0
Lincoln 1 Burnley 0
Maidstone 5 York 4
Northampton 3 Hereford 0
Peterborough 2 Wrexham 2
Torquay 0 Walsall 0

English Division 2

Blackburn 0 Ipswich 1
Brighton 3 Watford 0
Bristol Rovers 1 Wolves 1
Millwall 0 Newcastle 1
Notts County 3 Middlesbrough 2
Oldham 2 Barnsley 0
Plymouth 1 Bristol City 0
Port Vale 3 Portsmouth 2
Sheffield W 0 Charlton 0
Swindon 3 Hill 1
West Brom 2 Oxford 0
West Ham 1 Leicester 0

Scottish Premier League

Celtic 1 Aberdeen 0
Dundee Utd 3 Motherwell 0
Hibs 0 Rangers 2
St Mirren 0 St Johnstone 1
Postponed: Dunfermline v Hearts



Urukalo links up with Berries

BY KEITH GILMOUR

EXPERIENCED Michael Urukalo has taken over as coach of ambitious

Sydenham, which was picked up by Rosebery Portugal. Canterbury Municipi-

money in the bank to the tune of \$1.4 milli-



Michael Urukalo casts his mind over a previous match result in company with his wife.

NSW State League club, Canterbury Marrickville Olympic.

Urukalo, a top fitness expert, has been involved at both NSL and NSW State League level with quite a degree of success.

He said: "It didn't take me too long to accept after receiving a concrete offer from Jim Ronis, who has taken over as president."

"He has assured me that the club now has a very strong board of directors."

"It is great to be back on the job after taking a year's leave."

"Especially so as there was plenty of talent amongst the 40 players who turned out for our first trials at Arlington Oval."

"We expect to re-sign last year's squad, and will be looking out for reinforcements as well."

Canterbury missed out purchasing the Fraser Park complex at

pal Council has undertaken to upgrade Arlington Oval, the one-time Sydney soccer headquarters.

But the Berries have

on, and are continuing to investigate buying other properties, if possible for both a licensed club and a football ground.

Foley recruits for the Central Coast

JIM Foley, coach of the Central Coast 1st grade and under 19 teams, has announced that training and trials will commence tomorrow Tuesday January 22, and will continue on Thursday 24, Tuesday 29 and Thursday 31.

The sessions will be held at Plum Park starting at 7pm.

Foley will be assisted by the coach of the 19 team, John Turnbull, who has returned to the club after a 12 month break.

Turnbull has been a established player in the Newcastle area in the past, and now concentrates on coaching.

If he is as successful

a coach as he was a player, he will be an asset to Foley as well as the club.

Foley has specifically requested new players for both teams to be in attendance for all sessions.

After the successful start year in the NSW 2nd Division last season, Foley is expecting a good roll-up and is particularly interested in viewing all new-

Elections

The annual general meeting of the Central Coast Soccer Association Limited was held late last year.

The board of directors to administer the affairs of the code on the Coast for the 1991 season is: Chairman: John Fairweather; Company Secretary: Leonie Best; Competition: Kevin Gibbs; Qualifications: Colleen Butler; Rep. Teams: Bill Northam; Protests/Disputes: Ray Lamb; Marketing: Kevin Best; Affiliated Bodies: Margaret Ford; Finance: (nominations accepted).

For enquiries about soccer on the Central Coast phone (043) 244 713.

— KEVIN BEST

BHP Australs mean business

BHP Austral coach Willie Gallagher will start his fifth year in office at Birmingham Gardens when the NSW State League gets under way in April.

More often than not coaches have to put up with the critics.

Willie may not be the perfect coach (is there such a person?) but his record should stand up against some of the best when it comes to figures.

Below is a history of his achievements at BHP Austral.

It was the same Willie Gallagher who took the then Newcastle Rosebud to Victoria in 1984 and brought back the NSL Cup after beating the much fancied Melbourne Croatia on their home territory against all the odds.

When BHP Austral regain National League status for the city of Newcastle it would be fitting should Willie Gallagher be at the helm.



WILLIE GALLAGHER

Willie Gallagher was appointed coach at Birmingham Gardens for the 1987 season.

★★★

Where do the boys go for their daily dose of soccer chat now that the Niagara Cafe has closed its doors for the last time?

Con and John Mitsios had been in business at the popular eatery on the corner of Beaumont and Tudor Streets, Hamilton for longer than they care to remember (Con is president of BHP Austral).

Many fine sportsmen enjoyed a cuppa while discussing the game they all loved — Stanley Matthews, Bobby Charlton and Mike Shannon among them (Not forgetting Jonna).

Some enterprising cafe owner could find himself with a ready-made clientele should he make the correct approach.

Soccer players, writers and supporters will now be looking for another watering hole to discuss their addiction.

★★★

President Con Mitsios will not have time on his hands if the BHP Austral general manager has his way.

With the imminent inclusion of BHP Australs into the National League, the G.M. wants everything to be just right.

Con's job will be to re-

cruit volunteers to guarantee a first-class programme is put together for the big day.

You should have kept the shop open for another year, Con!

★★★

A week-long coaching clinic will be conducted at the Valentine Soccer Complex, starting on Monday, January 21.

The hours are from 10am to 3pm and will include lunch. Each person participating will receive a "T" shirt.

Coaching is provided by the BHP Austral senior coach and by Peter Dewhurst, coach of the 1990 State League youth team grand final winners.

They will be assisted by David Lowe who is currently playing with National League leaders Marconi Fairfield.

Several BHP Austral senior players have been asked to assist throughout the week,

with Craig Carter giving specialist goal keeping tuition.

Application forms are available from Foggs Tower Travel, sponsors of the clinic, or you can ring Peter Dewhurst (049) 571 557 or contact Sports Exchange on (049) 561 404.

The clinic is endorsed by the Newcastle Soccer Coaches' Association (Affiliated to NNSW Soccer Association).

★★★

The BHP Austral State League squad also commences training on Monday, January 21.

The first run of the year took place at Merewether Baths, Newcastle, at 6pm, today.

While most of the 1990 team has resigned for the 1991 season, players wishing to trial are welcome to join the squad.

★★★

The BHP Austral youth team, winners of the 1990 grand final, will start training for the 1991 season on Wednesday, January 30.

Those wishing to trial with the club should report to Peter Dewhurst at Austral Park, Birmingham Gardens at 5.30pm.

Competition to gain a place in the BHP Austral youth squad is high, with enquiries coming from as far north as Coffs Harbour and from the north west of the State.

George Dick elected as NSW life member



George Dick, at right, when he presented Parramatta Melita Eagles' striker Greg Brown with a trophy. Dick is vice-president of the Oceania Football Confederation.

GEORGE Dick, vice-president of the NSW Soccer Federation, has been elected as a life member of the NSW body.

The following is a profile of his distinguished career in the game:

1. Played soccer in Aberdeen in Scotland, prior to his migrating to New Zealand in 1950.
2. Played senior football in Wellington and was selected as captain of Wellington representative team.
3. In 1955, was selected into New Zealand national team to play against Hong Kong.
4. After moving to Australia, George became involved in the Manly club and with the District Association.
5. Under his guidance, the Manly club built licensed premises, obtained their own ground at Cromer Park and gained First Division status.
6. On November 28, 1983 George was elected to the Board of the NSW Soccer Federation.
7. George was subsequently elected vice-president, a position which he still currently holds. After Charles Valentine, he is the person who has the longest continuous service as a Director of the Federation.
8. Since 1984 George has been one of the NSW Federation's Executive members on the Australian Soccer Federation.
9. He has been manager of the under 19 national team on a number of overseas tours.
10. Since 1988 he has been deeply involved in the Oceania Football Confederation. Recently he was elected senior vice-president of Oceania.
11. George has been a strong advocate of promoting international football to the NSW public. In 1988 he obtained \$25,000 in sponsorship to help underwrite the tour to Australia by Swedish champion IFK Goteborg. That tour is the only one in the last 15 years which has returned a profit in Australia and this was largely due to George's efforts.
12. George has deputised for the Federation president on many occasions since 1984.
13. He has been a valued contributor to formulation of Federation policy.
14. Prior to his election to the Board, George was chairman of the First Division sub-committee. In 1990, he was bestowed with life membership of the Manly Warringah Club.

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PERSONALITY PLAYER



Sydney Croatia star defender Velimir Kupresak with his 1989 Victorian State League Player of the Year Award. At left is leading official, John Dimtsis. The presentation was made by Victorian Government minister, Steve Crabb.

Velimir Kupresak (Sydney Croatia)

BIRTH DATE: 1.9.63.
HEIGHT & WEIGHT: 183cms, 80kg
MARRIED: Yes to Zlata, and have two children.
HOME: Canley Vale.
NICKNAME: Vela.
CAR: Ford Fairmont Ghia.
OCCUPATION: Interior decorator.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Borovo, St Albans Dinamo (Melb).
FAVOURITE OVERSEAS CLUB: Dinamo Zagreb, Milan.
FAVOURITE OVERSEAS PLAYERS: Marco van Basten.
FAVOURITE LOCAL PLAYER: Ivan Petkovic.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Greg Brown.
FAVOURITE GROUND: Croatian Sport Centre.
MOST MEMORABLE GAME: Sydney Croatia v Melb Croatia.
BIGGEST THRILL: Winning the Player of the Year, in State League Victoria 1989.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing to Melb Croatia 4-3 after leading 2-0 in the first 20 minutes.
WORST INJURY: Ankle ligament.
FAVOURITE POSITION: Centre-half (stopper)
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Volleyball & basketball.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Fish & schnitzel.
FAVOURITE MUSIC: Disco music.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: "Current Affairs" and "World Soccer".
BEST FRIEND: My wife.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Tony Vrzina and Branko Culina.
AMBITIONS: To be healthy and happy and to win the NSL championship.
MOST PROMISING TEAM-MATE: Tony Krslovic.
PERSON YOU'D MOST LIKE TO MEET: Maradona.
PREDICTION FOR TOP FIVE SERIES: Melbourne Croatia, Marconi, South Melbourne Hellas, Sydney Croatia, Sydney Olympic.

Compiled by Michael Komadina

Abbas looks for Socceroo selection

BY TED SIMMONS of AAP

ONE goal has taken Sydney Olympic striker Abbas Saad over the first hurdle and on the way to a career aim of playing for the Australian Socceroos against England.

Saad, a success in Asia during the off-season and the target of nibbles from Europe, returned to the scoring list against Wollongong City in his first full game back in Sydney.

He had been sent off during his opening match last month and suspended for two games, while Singapore partner Alistair Edwards made all the running in the Olympic revival.

"I needed that goal which was my first for Olympic since the NSL semi-final against Melbourne Croatia last year," said Saad.

"It's a big season ahead with the games against Czechoslovakia, New Zealand and then England.

"Czechoslovakia is going to be a big test for us but I would do anything to play against England.

"England finished fourth in the World Cup and I'm sure they'll bring a strong squad.

"I watched the Centenary match against them in 1980 from the Sydney Cricket Ground hill. It was nice to watch but it will be even better to take part."

Saad and Edwards have been named as striking partners in the Socceroo squad announced recently by national coach Eddie Thomson for the Czechoslovakia series.

They have already been approached to return to Singapore for next season's Malaysian League and then style and skill has influenced Asian clubs to seek other Australians.

The duo were avid television watchers of the World Cup in Italy.

"It's no use playing against touring club teams. We need to play full internationals to find out how well we're doing and where we stand," said Saad.

"Australia is just starting to renew its squad for the next World Cup campaign



ABBAS SAAD

now have the same team which won last year's grand final but there's still room for improvement in attitude and commitment," he said.

"We still haven't got last season's killer instinct, our composure needs to get better and players must start looking for position during the game."

Saad has played for Australia against touring teams but has failed to break into the national side.

"Every international has to be treated the same but there's something special and playing against England," he said.

"And a goal against them would be a memory for life," he added.

but it's a good group and if it plays to its ability has a chance of holding its own against Czechoslovakia.

"I don't know whether I'll be chosen for the big matches but at least I'm in the squad and have a chance of establishing myself and claiming a Socceroo position."

Saad will remain in Australia for the remainder of the National League season and the England international.

His other concentration will be on getting Sydney Olympic to back-to-back NSL premierships.

"I think we'll make the finals after some early uncertainty. We

NSW State League preparations

BY KEITH GILMOUR

THE 1991 NSW State League First Division will kick off on April 21/22.

The official start of the competition will be preceded by a Seven-a-side Gala event over Easter weekend, April 14/15.

NSW general manager Ian Holmes said: "The former pre-season competition has been abandoned, as it was a losing proposition."

A preliminary Waratah Cup will begin with knockout games between clubs of the lower divisions.

There has been an unavoidable difficulty in dovetailing the NSW competition



IAN HOLMES

with the summer NSL, which conducts its Top Five series throughout April.

"We have undertaken to stage no competing fixtures on NSL grand final day," Mr Holmes

added.

The NSW Federation will work in conjunction with the Australian Soccer Federation on the dates which clash with Socceroo fixtures.

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Argentinian takeover of Melb City JUST

BY GREG BLAKE



BACK ROW: Ilija Dimoski (ex-coach), Zoran Nikitovic, Rade Barjaktarevic, Vlade Torteviski, Oscar Crino, Drago Deankovic, Vasco Mitrevski. FRONT: Joe Palatsides, Milan Dimoski, Gary van Egmond, Ernie Tapai, Luciano Fabrizio, Mehmet Durakovic, Bill Lazopoulos.

DESPITE threats of legal action, the Argentinian community has signed, sealed and delivered its takeover of famous Melbourne soccer club Melbourne City JUST (formerly Footscray JUST).

The Centro Argentina Club of Victoria completed the deal with JUST's owners last week, and handed over a \$50,000 cheque to the out-going owners of the ailing former NSL giant.



But already JUST stalwarts are preparing a legal challenge against the change of ownership despite a spokesman for the Argentinian community saying: "It is their problem and not ours."

"They (the former owners) have got a problem with their members and it's nothing to do with us," said new club spokesman Jose Montez.

The Argentinian community behind the change of ownership have already declared that they will drop the famous JUST tag and change the team colours from blue to light blue and white stripes.

This has angered the Yugoslavian community which has supported the club throughout its 40 year existence.

Despite a fall from the NSL (where it had commenced as a founding member in 1977) and down through Victoria's premier league and into first division in the past two years, Yugoslavian supporters of the

club are outraged at the decision by Alf Bulic, Ken Knight and Oscar Crino to sell the club.

Twenty of the 54 members who were on hand to sign over the JUST to Knight and

club would pass any qualification tests as specified by the Bradley Report.

The payment by the Argentinian group also gives the new owners a one-eighth share in the JUST company, which

squad of 26 players which has commenced training under coach George Calomino.

Montez says Melbourne City will be bringing out a high-profile South American guest player to try and attract the crowds back to Schintler Reserve.

"We are confident that if we bring out the player we have in mind we will have no trouble in attracting 10,000 fans to the ground," he told ASW.

Melbourne JUST suffered more adverse

headlines last week when a Melbourne daily newspaper claimed that 1990 coach Milan Zelelj was forced to live on the handouts from the parents of junior players for two months after the club failed to honour his contract.

By the end of the 1990 season Zelelj alleges that he and his players were owed back pay by the club.

Zelelj has now taken over the coaching reigns at third division Springvale United.

"But is it just?" ask membership

Co. some three years ago are preparing to finance a legal bid to regain control of the western suburbs club.

They believe they have grounds for the bid on the basis that in the document originally signed by Knight and the other co-owners it was apparently agreed that:

- There would be no change of team colours;
- There would be no name change (from JUST);
- That the club could not be sold for ten years, and if it was to be sold that the members first give their permission and that they be given first option of buying the club back.

Montez says the Centro Argentina Club of Victoria isn't concerned by the legal threats.

"It doesn't affect us," Montez explained.

"Our legal representative says everything is clear as far as the soccer club is concerned and we are buying everything legally."

"It is the case of the members against the former owners."

The fees owed by the financially stricken former NSL outfit have been paid to the VSF and NSL, and Montez says the Argentinian community is looking forward to the season ahead with a probable NSL bid to follow at the end of the year.

Montez believes the new Melbourne City

still controls the social club at the Schintler Reserve ground.

Melbourne City has already assembled a

"Cripes, I've done a hammy"

BY GREG BLAKE

ONE of the most common sporting injuries, and far from exclusive to players of any of the football codes, is the hamstring injury.

The terminology often used to describe such an injury is that the player has "done a hammy".

But what does that mean — apart from pain for the sportsman involved?

Here in the second of a series of stories for ASW, well-known Melbourne sports physiotherapist Bruce Connor takes a look at what a hamstring injury actually is and how a player might be treated in a bid to get him over a "hammy".

Connor, who is currently the senior physio for the Essendon AFL (Aussie rules) club, says that unlike a serious but rather more straightforward injury such as knee damage (as discussed in a recent ASW story), a hamstring isn't so cut and dry.

"The reason for that," he says, "is that there are several different structures, some not even in the leg, which can cause posterior thigh pain."

"Hence many factors must be considered be-

fore a diagnosis is made."

In the following piece written by Connor for ASW, he explains the type of problems faced by a player suffering from a hamstring injury and the type of treatment he might receive:

The primary source of hamstring region pain is the hamstring muscle group itself.

The hamstrings are three large muscles which run from the pelvis at the top end, down the back of the thigh and insert below the knee, two on the inside and one on the outside.

They cross both the knee and hip joints, hence their contraction has a direct effect on both joints, flexing or bending the knee and extending or straightening the hip.

The fact that the muscle crosses two joints is significant because forceful contraction of the muscle, one which over-stresses it, can cause varying degrees of damage.

Acceleration or deceleration and kicking stresses are common mechanisms of hamstring injuries, especially when a player is cold or fatigued towards the end of a game.

The result of such damage is usually local-

ised posterior thigh pain with limitation of function to varying degrees.

Stretch and power are reduced and the muscle has a sore spot to touch.

It sounds simple. But, unfortunately, not all hamstring injuries fit such a neat pattern because several other structures either influence hamstrings or refer pain in the area.

The lumbar spine, or lower back, is of primary concern in this regard.

If it is stiff or movement is restricted by pain or muscle spasm, then the hamstrings must compensate to allow the body to function at the desired level.

For example, if a player's back will not bend, in order for him to stretch to kick a ball, the hamstrings will stretch further than normal and may result in hamstring damage.

Yet it is the back problem which is the cause.

The sciatic nerve is also significant.

It is made up of several lower back nerve roots which leave the spinal cord through outlets in the lower spinal column and it is the motor and sensory supply for the hamstring region.

If irritated or com-

pressed at the spinal outlets these nerve roots can refer pain to the back of the thigh, meaning that the problem is in the back but the pain felt is in the hamstring region.

Like the muscles themselves, the sciatic nerve can also become tight, resulting in hamstring pain or tightness which does not actually involve the muscles directly.

The sacroiliac and hip joints can also refer pain to the back of the leg and must also be considered when someone claims to be suffering from a hamstring injury.

Once the injury has been sustained, the treatment, suffice to say, must be based on the diagnosis.

As with all muscle injuries, the aim is to regain stretch and strength without compromising the healing muscle.

With a hamstring injury this usually takes 19 days, so if a player sustains his injury during a Sunday game he will probably miss the next two matches.

This is not, however, a hard and fast rule and a player should be constantly re-assessed to gauge his progress.

Where the lumbar

HAMSTRING MUSCLE AREA



ALISTAIR EDWARDS DEMONSTRATES

spine is concerned, the period varies a lot more according to the type and severity of the problem.

A localised joint problem may take only one treatment to relieve whereas a severe disc lesion, producing sciatica, can take many months to recover.

A hamstring injury might sound simple enough but it can, in fact, be one of the most painful and perplexing of injuries for the sufferer.

Vessey

IT is time for the Australian Soccer Federation commissioners to appoint Alan Vessey as chief executive officer.

The position was provided for in the Bradley Report, and is yet to be filled.

Vessey's keen mind, integrity and level-headed approach to Australian affairs has been particularly noteworthy since his taking over as general secretary.

He commenced his sports administration career in Melbourne, and next became the highly successful Queensland Soccer Federation secretary for many years.

— KEITH GILMOUR

Ken Worden revels in his Melbourne Croatia role

BY GREG BLAKE

WHETHER it's because of his apparently extraordinary ability to coach, by sheer luck or by the grace of being in the right place at the right time, there can be no doubt that Ken Worden has landed fairly and squarely on his feet.

There would be few past or present NSL coaches who've had the chance to walk into a club and take over an established side already sitting in the top three with just on half the season completed.

But that is what the English-born 47 year old has done.

Although he's not exactly counting his blessings just yet — too much can happen in the space of just weeks, as outgoing Ante Grgic will testify — Worden is grateful for the chance to control Melbourne Croatia's destiny in the 1990/91 campaign.

"I'm happy to be here and it's certainly a challenge for me," says Worden, already trotting out one of the well-known coaching cliches.

"Obviously I'm not doing the normal things I might do at a new club because this team's already been fairly successful.

"If I came in and wanted to change things too much as I would normally with a new club I might upset the balance.

"But having said that, I've still got a lot to do here and it is difficult for me taking over mid-stream."

It would be remiss of me to say that Worden could have strolled into the Somers Street job after leaving Perth, and the Melbourne Croatia team would find its own way into the finals.

Worden faces the task of settling the players following Grgic's stormy reign, and of keeping a full side on the park after a spate of injuries and surprising suspensions which have cost Croatia dearly.

Marth, Donnelly, Talajich and Duzel have all been out in the past fortnight and a round 14 loss (3-0) to South Melbourne Hellas bought home the fact that a finals berth isn't going to be a walk-up start for the club in 1991.

"As I said, I still have a lot of work to do here," Worden told ASW.



Action from the round 14 defeat of Melbourne Croatia by Souths.

"There was no excuse against South Melbourne — there just wasn't enough commitment on the day.

"When we beat Adelaide City (3-0) in my first game the Adelaide coach made the comment that his team were like sheep against lions.

"Against South Melbourne we were like the sheep."

One gets the impression that the South Melbourne game bought home a few truths to the new Melbourne Croatia boss.

Both the lack of commitment and discipline on the day put a huge question mark against Croatia's title aspirations.

One also gets the impression that Worden will not tolerate a lack of either of the

above.

"I will not stand for any messing about from any players and I don't care who they are," he told me.

"If you've got trouble in the ranks then you get rid of the trouble.

"Having said that, although I can and will be firm and strong I also believe in fair play and it is important to be guided by your senior players.

"Not guided for their benefit of course, but guided for the benefit of the team."

I believe there was an almost tangible sense of relief around the club (at least from the playing staff), when Grgic was demoted from the senior post.

Equally as tangible has been the gratitude felt by players in being put under the wing of a coach who has no trou-

ble in expressing his ideas.

"That is essential," says Worden.

"The players have got to be able to see that you know what you are doing."

From his remarkable coaching record, albeit outside the NSL, it seems almost certain that Croatia has pulled a winner out of its hat.

Worden, who already boasted an impressive record in Tasmania and Queensland before moving to Western Australia, has had an unbelievable four year stint in Perth where he coached teams to the last 15 finals played in that state, winning 11 competitions and finishing runner-up in the other four.

Surely, given that sort of success in WA, Worden would have thought twice before moving to Melbourne and joining a club which has shown itself to be somewhat temperamental in its relationships with coaches down the years?

"It is no more difficult than at other clubs I've coached at," he says with some degree of surety.

"The Croatian fans love their soccer and they live for the game. And I certainly won't let them put any pressure on me.

"I look at it as a game with a football team ... a game that has to be won."

Level 3 at Monash University

A Level 3 Senior Coaching Course has just been completed at Monash University.

Twenty-two candidates took part in the course, including coaches from as far away as New Zealand and NSW.

It was conducted by Tim White (Victorian State Director of Coaching), John Gardiner (senior coach, Preston Makedonia) and myself.

Also we had on hand Mike Wells (National Director of Coaching) for the last couple of days.

Some players from last years' Under 14 and Under 15 Victorian teams attended to allow the coaches an opportunity to coach good young players.

The only disappointing thing was lack of interest shown by the local media.

This was an ideal time to promote the positive side of the game instead of the negative side as usual.

JEFF OLVER COLUMN

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THEM
IN

Updating coaching

During last week a proposal was put forward to the Junior League Management Committee to restructure the junior coaching system in Victoria.

Three very important points were put forward.

1) All Regional Coaches must hold a Level 2 Coaching Certificate or equivalent.

2) That all club under 16 coaches must attend a one day eight hour clinic before being given licence to coach

an under 16 team which is under the direction of the JLMC.

3) By Season 1995 all coaches of junior club teams must have attended a suitable standard of coaching before an official ID card is issued. Also the cost of running such clinics would be absorbed by the JLMC.

The benefits of these proposals are endless better coaches, better players and higher standard games, which is great for everybody.

And now, on a personal note, I would like to wish everybody a very Happy 1991.

John Bell bows out in dignified style

BY GREG BLAKE



ABC'S JOHN BELL — will be missed by his many friends, but now John Kosmina is "The Big Match" front man.

IF there were the usual, internal politics in these sort of surprise decisions involved I do not know about them and it wouldn't be my place to comment any way.

But what I do believe is that the ABC showed poor form in dumping 'Big Match' front man John Bell, and even poorer form in the manner in which they did the deed.

Let me say from the outset that I like John Bell, just as I like and admire John Kosmina and have done for many years.

And with that let me wish the great 'Kossie' all the very best.

But whereas I admired Kosmina from a distance, I actually got to know John Bell quite well from his base in Melbourne.

And that was probably why myself and any number of others were very disappointed to see Bell bow out of our Monday night helpings of the 'Big Match'.

He had, indeed, made friends, and many of them.

When the uninitiated Bell took the roll two years back he had no reason to go out into the soccer community on a regular basis, certainly above and beyond the call of regular duty.

Neither did he have any obligation to work damned hard to make damn well certain that he knew what he was talking about, rather than glean his knowledge straight from an auto-queue.

To his eternal credit the self-confessed "rugby man" did his absolute best to fully acquaint himself with the soccer fraternity and its background, history and statistics.

Homework

For John Bell, being a talking head wasn't enough and thus he earned the respect and subsequent friendship of the likes of myself, and many others to boot.

In the first six months of knowing Bell I cannot ever remember seeing him without a Rothmans Annual, ASW copy or NSL Yearbook tucked under his arm, in a bid to make sure he knew enough and then some.

He did and still does go to as many games as possible and he did and still does get out amongst the terrace fans at every ground to

talk to the people that count — the viewers.

He took the pats on the back that he earned and he took the flak with as much grace.

He even accepted being publicly told that George Donikian was in line to replace him, if the former SBS and Channel 9 star would accept the role.

In the end — as swift and sure as it was — Bell took his leave of 'Big Match' with style.

He bowed out with grace and dignity.

I write this piece not at the request of Bell, who, despite the chance to drop a few bombs in private over a few drinks last week with some of the Melbourne writers, refused to can either the ABC or the few who have gloated at his demise.

I write this simply because that personally I hate to see a genuine bloke who has a go kicked in the guts.

Tenacious

Bell always reminded me of the player who mightn't have the same natural ability as a team mate but the sort of player who will "have a go" regardless, doing extra training and working on every aspect of his game in a bid to make up in the areas where he's lacking.

You cannot help but admire his tenacity and wish him success.

The saddest part is that, in Bell's own words, he had "just started to really enjoy the game as much as the rest of the fans do."

He told us that last week.

At the same time, at least according to the soccer people I spoke to, the feeling was that

they had started to really enjoy Bell too.

What a curious time for the ABC to end the relationship.

Personally I always felt that the 'Big Match' came across best when Bell and 'Kossie' were working together on screen, particularly last year when Kosmina was left to do what he does best with hard-hitting comments.

I wonder if it's not too late for the ABC to have a re-think.

If not, well done John Bell.

We know you did the absolute best you could and you cannot ask more than that.

OLYMPIC PARK CHOSEN FOR CUP SEMIS

THE NSL Cup semi-finals will be played as a double header at Olympic Park on Wednesday February 13.

This is being done so as to avoid any clash with the two matches between the Socceroos and Czechoslovakia.

Preston and Apia Leichhardt play at 6pm, followed by South Melbourne and Parramatta Melita at 8pm.

Extra time will be played and penalties taken, if required.

The NSL Cup final is set down for Sunday April 7, at a ground to be decided.

— KEITH GILMOUR



WRIGHT WORLD'S TOP REFEREE

BRAZILIAN referee Jose Roberto Wright, voted the best in the world on Monday, has described the level of refereeing in his own country as "weak".

Wright, 46, was named as last year's top referee by the World Referee's Federation based in Germany.

He said in an interview: "There are no courses for referees (in Brazil) and they are given guidebooks that are eight, nine or 10 years old."

"I hope this award leads to some positive thinking on the part of

Brazilian directors and reminds them that the referee is a fundamental part of the spectacle."

Wright, who said he was happy and honoured at the award, was in charge of the England-West Germany World Cup semi-final in Italy and the world club championship final between AC Milan and Olimpia of Paraguay in Tokyo.

French players set for strike

THE first all-out strike by French professional footballers remained a distinct possibility after a meeting with the clubs and officials ended in stalemate.

The meeting broke up after four hours without agreement being reached and it is now up to the Federal Council to find a solution.

The French Football Federation have decided to call on the Council of State, the country's highest legal authority, to rule on the League's controversial measures on players' contracts before March 20.

But unless there is a ray of hope from Friday's meeting, the strike, called for January 26, could still go ahead.

All sides complained of a "lack of dialogue" but if the emergency meeting endorses the decision of Federation president Jean Fournet-Fayard to refer the matter to the Council of State, the strike call could be suspended.

A working party, with two members from each of the four bodies represented — the League, the Feder-



ation, the clubs and the players' union — was set up to investigate ways of reducing the crippling debts of more than 200 million dollars which currently affect the First and Second Division clubs.

The main point at issue, as far as the player are concerned, is the proposed revision in the freedom of contract laws put forward by the League — as well as the restrictions on transfers and the free negotiation of salaries.

JOHNNY WARREN HAS HIS SAY

NSW "Copperroos" prepare for tour of England and Scotland



The NSW Police team in working uniform. Top row — J. Dean, N. Goravic, D. Fryer, D. McKenzie. Middle — J. Daniluck, A. Desmond, H. Fox. Bottom — A. Bow, J. Newby, D. Crosbie, J. Etto, S. Rieber.

It was seventeen years ago that the late Tony Horstead, "Hotspur" of the Sydney Daily Mirror, gave us the name Soccerroos.

Since then the Soccerroos have become a household name in Australia and of course we have had the Young Soccerroos, the Indoorroos and now the Copperroos . . . the Australian Police team.

Their media man Douglas McKenzie tells me they have big plans to develop their team, and he has outlined most of these plans in the following material.

Like all organisations, they need assistance in terms of coaching and administrative help, and fans able to provide any assistance at all may contact Doug on 02 339 5487 during working hours.

THE Copperroos are the current Australian and New Zealand Police Champions, and their event was held in Adelaide — March 1990.

They will be travelling to Brisbane in November 1991 to play for the title again.

Their schedule of events will culminate in the inaugural tour of England and Scotland — March-April 1992, where they will be playing — London Police, Birmingham, Devon + Cornwall, Nottingham, Liverpool, Manchester, South Yorkshire and Strathclyde (Glasgow).

They played Sydney

Croatia U/19 team prior to the Sydney Croatia vs Melbourne Croatia fixture on Sunday January 13.

75 on the weekend of February 16/17, both NSW State League Division 3 clubs.



Also, they will be travelling to the country to play Orange Waratahs and Bathurst

Bathurst will be celebrating the opening of their new soccer complex.



With the withdrawal and subsequent addition of players to the squad that won Gold and Silver in Adelaide, the teams have combined to form one NSW Police representative squad.

The players hail from Tamworth, Queanbeyan, Broken Hill, Newcastle, Gosford, Wollongong, Campbelltown and Bowral, as well as the Sydney Metropolitan area.

Players credentials

Current State League second division players — D. McKenzie (Auburn Yugal) M. Callanan (Petersham), F. Canellas (Campbelltown City), A. Bow (ex-North Shore Utd), S. Reid (Goulburn 85 — ACT 2nd Division), Jamie and Jason Daniluck (Edgeworth — Newcastle 1st Division).

A number of others play district Premier League first grade. They are good enough to play State League, but are unable to do so due to work commitments.

In a recent match with Parramatta Melita U/19 team containing three first grade players, the Police side lost 2-0 in a very good game, prior to the Melita — Melbourne Croatia fixture.

They have also forwarded a proposal to the Australian Soccer Federation for the NSW Police to play the Australian Federal Police team prior to the England vs Australia Event — June 1, 1991.

PLAYERS WANTED

LEMNOS ALLSTARS SOCCER CLUB



Lemnos Allstars want to win the NSW State League Division 3 competition in the 1991 Season.

To ensure promotion, we now seek the services of players with a professional attitude, or seek to learn it.

Trials will be staged every Tuesday and Thursday, commencing January 15 at 6.15pm.

Interested players are invited to contact coach and former Soccerroo John Doyle at the trials to be held at:

Bark-Hut Reserve
Elliott Street, Belfield

Youth League players are also invited to these trials.



The NSW A team — Top row: J. Etto, D. McKenzie, D. Wild, A. Bow, M. Cooper, J. Daniluck, P. Buining. Bottom row: S. Reid, A. White, F. Canellas, R. Gonzalez, M. Callanan. The medals are for winning the national police title in Adelaide.

TIGHT DRAW SUNDAY WEEK

NEW ZEALAND looked the better team but could not score the winning goal in their 1-1 draw against Australia in the Oceania zone under-17 world cup qualifying soccer tournament match last Sunday (January 13).

Australia took the lead in the 15th minute through strong running striker Vasilios Kalegeracos who recovered a sloppy ball about 30m from goal, beat two defenders and scooped the ball over another and in off the upright.

The goal was Kalegeracos' fourth in his team's two games after his hat-trick against Fiji on Friday and he is the tournament's top scorer.

Kiwi coach Fallon said he was disappointed with the first goal because the defence were aware of Kalegeracos' prowess in front of goal.

"It was a silly break-away goal," he said.

But New Zealand were back on even terms just three minutes later when 15-year-old Gary Kingi scored a classy goal from the edge of the penalty area.

It came after some battling work by left back Heani Edwards who made the final pass.

The ball looked to have gone too far but Kingi managed to keep control and turned quickly to slam it into the net.

Four minutes later Kingi was again in the action when he pulled the ball back from the by-line and crossed right across the face of the goal, eluding the New

Zealand attack and Australian goalkeeper George Karamalis and his defence.

Vasco Trpceviski shot agonisingly wide in the 26th minute and two Australian shots were cleared off the line 5min later as Kiwi goalkeeper Brad Condict hesitated.

Just before halftime Australian defender Craig Moore had to climb high to keep a David Dunseath header out of the net.

Dunseath had earlier headed over the cross-bar from a corner.

Both sides appealed for penalties in the opening 15min of the second half.

Firstly, speedy New Zealand flank player Paul Stephens was brought down just outside the penalty box after he had beaten his marker, and less than a minute later the skilful Alex Kiratzoglou was brought down by Condict close to the edge of the box.

Nothing came from either free kick.

New Zealand began to get the better of the green and golds in the final 20min.

NEW ZEALAND: Brad Condict, Bryan Tereu, Thomas White, Scott Smith, Hoani Edwards, Paul Stephens, Ronnie Ridout, Gary Kingi, Sean Fallon, David Dunseath, Mark Beldham (sub Shawn Forrest 78).

AUSTRALIA: George Karamalis, Paul Dee, Tony Josevski, Craig Moore (sub Frank Bot 66), Aaron Healey, Fabio Maccolini, Lorenzo Campagna, Anthony Carbone, Vasilios Kalegeracos, Alex Kiratzoglou, Vasco Trpceviski (sub Cristian Berrios 72).

REFEREE: Stari Walker (Fiji).

Australia 7

Fiji 2

Joeys bang in seven

AUSTRALIA hammered Fiji 7-2 in the Oceania qualifiers last Thursday.

But for the majority of the second half Fiji had their opposition rattled and showed the small Napier crowd the type of flamboyant play they are capable of.

Fiji kept the green-and-golds scoreless in the second half until the two injury time goals.

After conceding five goals in the opening 23 minutes, Fiji settled down when Arjon Pillay scored.

Fiji's second goal came from a thunderous Ronald Yakub freekick which Australian goalie George Karamalis could not hold.

Australia opened the scoring after just 55 seconds into the game when a corner kick rebounded off the far post and hit the net via Lorenzo Campagna's knee. Just over a minute later Alex Kiratzoglou made it 2-0 with a free kick past goalie Brian Singh.

Aaron Healey scored twice more before Fiji lost an injured Singh and Kiratzoglou made it 5-0.

Pillay narrowed the deficit for the 5-1 half-time score.

Fiji pulled another back with Yakub's sweetly struck freekick 22 minutes into the second half.

Australia finally regained their composure in injury time and Healey got his third goal, Usalj added to Fiji's disappointment with the seventh goal.

SCORERS: Campagna 1m, Kiratzoglou 2m, 18, and 70m, Healey 19m and 23, Usalj 90m for Australia, Pillay 38m, Yakub 67m for Fiji.

New Zealand 3-0 against the Fijians

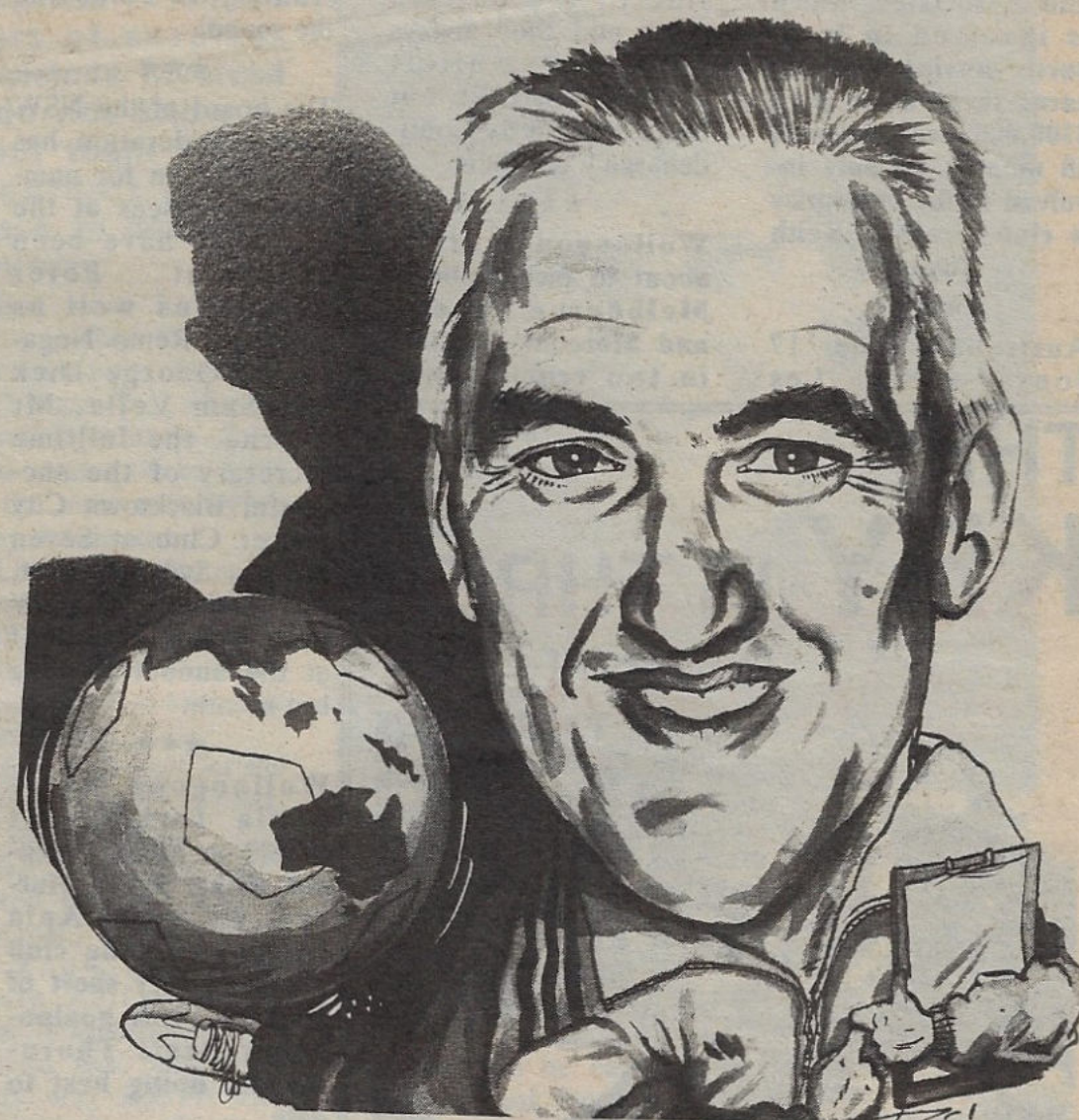
NEW ZEALAND could only scrape through against a gallant Fiji on Saturday.

It took the Kiwis until the final five minutes to seal their unimpressive victory with goals from Gary Kingi and Lee Norfolk to add to Mark Beldham's 22nd minute opener.

The narrow win will enable Australia to qualify for the World Cup finals if they only draw with New Zealand today (Monday, January 21).

Thomson faces real baptism of fire

BY MIKE JOHNSON



EDDIE THOMSON

EDDIE Thomson's ability as a national coach has its first real test at the end of this month.

The transition from club coach to national coach is not always easy.

It depends very much on the nature, style and method of the coach.

It also depends on his intelligence and intrinsic ability.

I have always believed that intelligence is the prime quality required by a coach, especially at the higher levels.

Sometimes at club level a coach can bring together, or even inherit a team of players who suit in particular methods and temperament.

Don Revie of Leeds, England, part inherited and part put together a bunch of players who became in the 1960s the most successful club side in the country.

atmosphere" in the club.

When Revie was appointed manager of England, he found those methods and qualities developed in his club were of less value with the England squad.

Bobby Robson had a similar experience as a successful coach over an extended period of club control, with limited success for England.

A major asset for a national coach is to know who can play and which position they play best.

Along with that is the knowledge of which players complement one another in skill, physically and in character.

Take Eddie Thomson's 20 man Socceroo squad against Czechoslovakia.

In there are players such as Alan Davidson who can play full-back, sweeper, stopper and midfielder.

What is his best position?

Say it was sweeper in Eddie's opinion, but he did not consider him as good a sweeper as Milan Ivanovic, he might put Alan in midfield, perhaps alongside team-mate Branko Milosevic.

That would be a good pairing in terms of skill, understanding and even physically if we were playing South Korea.

But against the taller, stronger full-time professional Czechs, Milosevic and Davidson would probably not be a good pairing, physically.



ALAN DAVIDSON

The team was hard, inclined to be dirty, it played percentage football, keeping the ball as much as possible in the opponents' half, and once it got ahead wasted time in the corners of the field.

It was not popular, except in Leeds.

Revie worked hard at developing rapport between his players. There was a "family

Good team selection is so important to a national coach, with so many players to choose from.

Robson, Revie and Rudi Gutendorf had one thing in common — they all selected numerous players in their national team squads during their reign.

more forthright, as he was with David Lowe and Ian Gray, possibly not justifiably, even though one has always liked Gray as a player.

However, Eddie is a practical coach whose choice of players at club level was sound.

On looking over his squad, it seemed pretty sound though



MILAN IVANOVIC

This showed a crucial weakness in their knowledge of who can play, and who can play with whom.

Frank Arok, on the other hand, always settled his squad quickly.

I believe Arok is the best national coach during my time in Australia.

Thomson in an interview about his Czech squad said: "... the experience of Ivanovic could be useful" ... "I've chosen Milosevic to see what he's like" ... "I would like to see how Tony and Aurelio Vidmar perform..."

As a man who has had plenty opportunity, to see these players one would have hoped he could have been

on closer inspection it appears short on pace (I have not seen the Vidmars) with only Andrew Zinni able to call up real pace and Abbas Saad nippy but no more.

What a difficult chore is the national coach job, with so much expected, but it should be getting somewhat easier each year if we are able to gain access more readily to our top players overseas, something we should ensure.

Sometime in the future Australia may be able to call up a squad as good as Denmark of two World Cups ago.

Then Australian Soccer will stun the world.

New Zealand 5 Fiji 1

Kiwis missed golden chances

NEW ZEALAND beat Fiji 5-1 in the final first round match of the Oceania under 17 soccer qualifying series last Tuesday to draw level with Australia on points after three rounds.

New Zealand and Australia both have three points after a win apiece over Fiji and a draw when they met, while the outclassed Fiji side remains without a point.

New Zealand coach Kevin Fallon was disappointed with the scoreline against Fiji.

Fallon said New Zealand had set a

target of getting more goals against the hapless Fijians than Australia's six on Friday.

New Zealand had trouble scoring against a much improved Fijian performance but Fallon said: "It was frustrating but the Fijians played much better than against Australia. They defended much better."

"There were pluses though — we played some excellent football."

New Zealand's goals came from Gary Kingi 2, Sean Fallon 2 and Scott Beldham.

Fiji struck back in the 80th minute when the ball popped up on the edge of the box for Ilesia Tanivula Samusamuvodre to strike it beyond the advancing goalkeeper Peter Butler.

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Chit Chat ... Chit Chat ... Chit Chat

The St George club management don't let water flow under the bridge when it comes to raising funds. They are involved in a business partnership, K. Russell and Associates, which is involved in local earth moving and has earned them more than \$100,000 over the past 18 months. Deeply involved in the enterprise is club director, Keith Russell.

Australia's under 17 Joys coach Les

Scheinflug speaking on their New Zealand opponents prior to Sunday's big game in Napier, New Zealand: "This is the best-prepared New Zealand side of the past 10 years and they always put in extra effort against Australia but I'm still quietly confident we'll get there."

Wollongong City is about to face toppers Melbourne Croatia and Marconi Fairfield in two crucial away

games. Their knowledgeable coach, ex-Socceroo David Ratcliffe, has two promising young strikers, Sasha Dimovski and Danny Petkovic, on standby to reinforce the squad.

The board of the NSW Soccer Federation has been light on for numbers. Overseas at the one time have been president Peter Thorne as well as members Remo Nogarotto, George Dick and Sam Vella. Mr Thorne, the fulltime secretary of the successful Blacktown City Soccer Club at Seven Hills in Sydney's west, was re-elected as NSW Federation president at the annual meeting last month.

Wollongong Macedonia forked out \$9,000 to secure talented striker Peter Murray, 20, from Apia Leichhardt. The club has been very short of strikers, with goalpoacher Brett Thornthwaite doing best to date.

Australian women's captain Anissa Tann is not as well known a figure as some of her male counterparts. But she is an outstanding footballer with tremendous physical power and is certain to be a major force in the three matches against Swedish tourists, Malmö, in Sydney and Canberra.

Apia goalkeeper Brett Hughes turned out as a youngster in Sydney's Ku-ring-gai district, moving on to ill-fated Sydney City. He turned out with Blacktown City and Marconi Fairfield before joining his present club.

Heidelberg have bought 5,000 seats which will no longer be used at the Melbourne Cricket Ground's Southern stand. The seats will be installed at Olympic Village, thus dramatically improving conditions at the much maligned ground.

St George have now officially transfer-listed Vince Colagiuri and Randell Easthorpe, who were only signed this year. Colagiuri has been priced at \$5000 and Easthorpe at \$8000.



VINCE COLAGIURI

Sydney Croatia visa player Gordon Scott has the chance to prove himself after knee surgery. Formerly with Morwell Falcons, he will have to return to Scotland if his knee continues to play up.

David Clarkson, of George Cross, is engaged to top Australian gymnast Debbie Graham. They met at the AIS and plan to marry in August.

Financially troubled Adelaide Hellas feels it adequately can trade its way out of bother once the season starts. The club, which had reported debts of more than \$2m and is believed to owe "small sums" to both the SA Soccer Federation and NSL, gradually is bidding to get back on an even keel after two years of turmoil. "This is a tight liquidity period for us," said club spokesman, Steve Christodoulou. "We face a cash flow situation that all clubs face at this time of the year. It will be rectified once we get playing, get members coming in and get functions started again."

Manly Warringah 17 year old Owen Smith is not short on ambition. He has been trialling in England with First Division clubs Aston Villa and Luton Town. Also on the list have been Bristol Rovers and Charlton Athletic from the Second Division. Inspiration for the trip, which cost his father \$4000? "Craig Johnston's career," he replied.

Don't be surprised if ace St George goalkeeper John Filan sets off for Europe at the end of the current season. If it happens, it won't suit national coach Eddie Thomson, who has every faith in the youngster's ability. Filan won ASW's Player of the Year Award for the 1989/90 season.

Former Socceroo skipper John Kosmina looked the part in his first appearance as host of ABC Television's "The Big Match". The lively "Kossie" confessed to being hit by an attack of nerves, and certainly was right at home for some ball juggling at



Adelaide City brothers Tony (left) and Aurelio Vidmar are Socceroo squad members for the Czechoslovakian tour games in Sydney and Melbourne.

It is difficult to recall soccer brothers making the grade for Australia in past years.

Two that come to mind go back to the days prior to the Australian Soccer Federation, when the Australian Soccer Football Association was the ruling body.

They were Jack "Bully" Hughes, a wizard inside forward and his brother Ron Hughes, who filled the same role.

Together with brother Ben, a roving centre-half, they hailed from the Newcastle region, coming to Sydney to appear for leading clubs such as Metters and Canterbury.

Many a long time soccer fan in Sydney and Newcastle will recall them, also wishing Adelaide's Vidmar brothers further success.

— KEITH GILMOUR

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the AIS. Best wishes, incidentally, to former presenter John Bell for all the good work he put in since the program began.



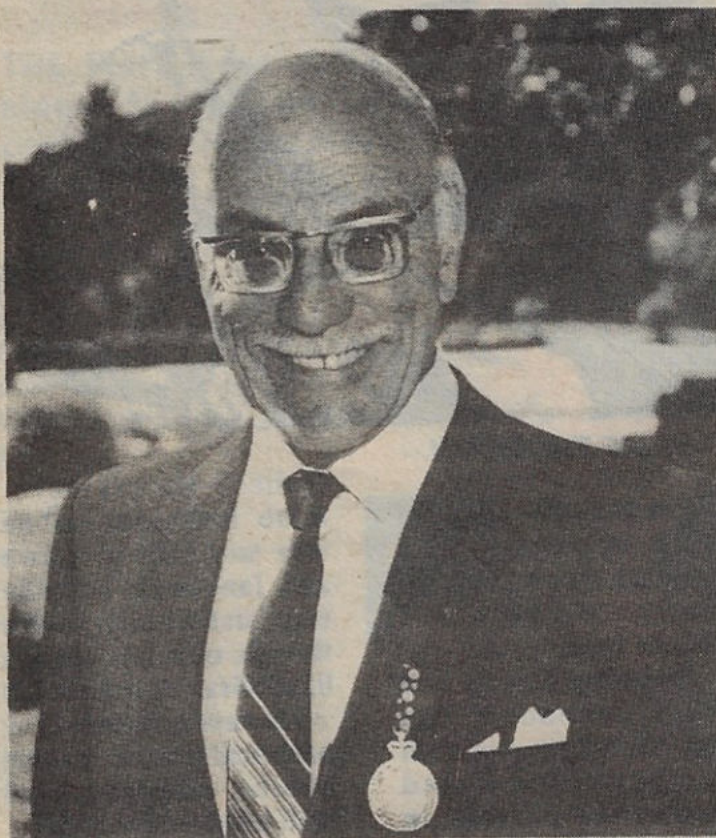
RUDOLF ALAGICH

The Barrier Daily Truth in Broken Hill late last month carried a special mention of well known soccer stalwart, Rudolf Alagich, on the occasion of his 70th birthday. He is the father of top St George development coach Richard Alagich. Two of his brothers, Maron (Sydney) and Len (Adelaide) have been top soccer administrators. Nephews Joe and Michael excelled as players in Sydney. Congratulations, Rudy!



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OUR man at various NSL matches in NSW, Stephen Oldridge, is there specially to collect a cross section of ideas from some important people — the members of the soccer public.

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AUSTRALIAN SOCCER WEEKLY will then print a selection of the pointers that he has obtained.

What are your ideas to advance the great game of soccer football? Tell them to Stephen Oldridge, as he moves to various grounds.

ANOTHER HIGHLY READABLE ASW FEATURE

A lot of comments I receive are dedicated to the Bradley Report, people wanting to know where, when and how.

The report has created great interest around the soccer community.

Fans have wanted change for some time but will it be what you want?

Steve: "I hope the ASF puts its head down and implements the actions suggested by Bradley. There has been a lot of press on the subject, soccer has one chance and this is it, our faith is in the ASF."

Patrick: "The ABC should look at a new format that carries on through the winter, including player profiles, English soccer updates and Player of the Year progress. It should also look at

bringing in better pictures from ground to ground. Let's face it: some of the coverage is very amateurish."

Jonathon: "Why don't the clubs provide more entertainment to draw crowds, with cheer girls, halftime entertainment and raffles for signed soccer balls. The crowd deserves more for its eight dollars than it's getting."

"I'd like to walk away and say that was great, I can't wait to go again."

Michelle: "I read recently that South Melbourne had a supporters' club. Do others have the same?"

"All clubs should have a store with merchandise for supporters. People will always buy when they're on a high."



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN SOCCER SCENE

WITH ALAN CLARK



CROATIA may have two 'new' players this season — without going near the transfer market.

Teenage giant Douglas Paterson is back to fitness and raring to go in the new season after missing most of last year following his leg break in the Ampol Cup final. Paul Blute was another to miss much of last term with injury.

But he has resumed training and was at his aggressive best, back in a striking role in a trial win against Modbury when he bagged one of three goals.

Croatia skipper Ivica Jurkovic will not be able to resume training for another month after groin surgery but striker George Konstandopoulos has had the plaster removed from his foot injury and soon should be back on track.

Ref John Miller was at Croatia training tonight to give players an insight to the laws of the game.

One new FIFA ruling, incidentally, caters for players wearing lycra bicycle shorts under their playing shorts. These are banned if they are visible below the leg of shorts.

★★★

MODBURY has fielded Cumberland and former Para Hills striker Peter Waine on trial.

New Cumberland coach Norman Lees saw his squad in its first trial action on Sunday.

Lees is satisfied with progress so far of the Foxes who dropped out of Division One last season.

The club is re-organising its colts for the new year and seeks coaches for teams from under-10 to under-16. Interested? Call Andrew Skilling on 276 6361 (h) or 296 5880 (w).

★★★

PORT Adelaide is on the lookout for experienced players for next season with eight on the club transfer list.

Goalkeepers Oscar Peters, George Drakos, Ric Migliaccio and Peter Theodorakakos are joined by Jim and Arthur Ninos, Peter Bond and Alex Badounas on the transfer list. Coach Zoran Maricic could be looking for a couple of quality senior players to help guide his youngsters.

★★★

MERCURIAL midfielder Charley Villani has dealt Adelaide City another shock below by quitting the NSL.

"It is a shock to everyone," said City



Night action between Adelaide Hellas and Sydney Croatia. Will Hellas return to NSL ranks in 1991/92? — Photo by JANUSZ KAMMA.

coach Zoran Matic. "I talked with him and he told me he felt he was under intense pressure and was not prepared to continue at this level.



ZORAN MATIC

"He wants to continue to play in the State League for another four or five years. He may look at a totally new environment, but he has not known anything other than City in soccer in SA.

"Possibly, if he has a year away with another club he might want to reconsider and come back to City in the NSL. It is sad for me in a way for I have known him for so long. I coached him at City when he was 15 and 16 and ready to break into the NSL side."

Villani, at his peak, is one of the most naturally talented players in SA. But that powerful, attacking style, which saw him dubbed "The Italian Stallion", often has been tempered by a seemingly casual approach that has been Villani not fully realise his outstanding potential.

"He has been with City for many years and has done a lot for the club," said Matic. "He has so much natural talent he has been

frustrating with his incapacity to fully employ his capabilities.

"Some others have criticised him, but they have been jealous of the ability he had."

"Villani's probably greatest moment came with his match-winning performance in City's NSL grand final victory in 1986 over Sydney Olympic.

In recent years, he has been frustrated and hampered by a string of injuries and inconsistent form, which has sidelined him for much of this season.

Villani has not set plans on which State League club he will join.

"I'll wait to see what develops," said Villani, 28, who has been with City for 12 years.

"I felt I was a bit stale and needed a change. I am still very keen to give the State League my best shot but I wanted a little less pressure than the four or five times a week training for the NSL.

"I have not enjoyed that so much for the past couple of seasons though I worked really hard in pre-season this year.

"I would like to have a change to get back to really enjoying the game. I have not definitely come to terms with Zoran (coach Matic) yet but I might try to leave the door open for me to return to City at the end of the State season if I felt like it then."

★★★

A GROUP of referees in the Noarlunga district, south of Adelaide, are learning the basics of coaching.

Under the prompting of referee and coaching 'guru' Bob Barnard they have attended a Level One course.

"It is a very sensible idea for referees to appreciate just what is involved in coaching," said State director of coaching Carlos Buzetti.

"We hope many more will follow this lead.

"It is an idea we also could develop in reverse with a section on the laws of the game possibly being included in future coaching courses.

"Both are key areas in the game and it would be good if coaches and referees had a thorough knowledge of all facets of soccer."

★★★

HELLAS backer George Florentzou gave shelter to the needy on Sunday in Adelaide City's clash with Sydney Olympic at Hindmarsh.

With rain lashing down briefly during the second-half, a group of innovative fans picked up the advertising hoarding of Florentzou's company Distinctive Homes for use as a maxi-umbrella.

★★★

SOCCEROO Aurelio Vidmar was called into action in a new role for Adelaide City against Sydney Olympic.

With the late call off of classy Milan Ivanovich, Vidmar slotted into the sweeper's role and played admirably.

"I have no worries about Viddle," said City coach Zoran Matic.

"He can play any-

where, even at full-back. In fact, he even is very good in goals."

★★★

COMMONWEALTH Games hammer throw champion Sean Carlin won a special celebrity penalty shootout during the half-time break of Adelaide City's clash with Sydney Olympic at Hindmarsh.

Squash ace Chris Dittmar and Adelaide Crows football coach Graham Cornes were among others to take part.

★★★

GRAHAM Moscow will coach ambitious amateur league club The Cove in Division One next season.

Popular Moscow took over late last season with the departure of former Para Hills man Barry Simpson. He had done the job the previous season.

Training starts at Cove's Lonsdale Highway complex at Hallett Cove from 6.45pm on Wednesday, January 30.

★★★

CLASS imports Eddie Lonka and Pawel Welczorek are facing their State League season with Polonia.

The contracts of the star Poles expire at the end of the season and negotiations then will determine the players' future.

Former State striker Lonka's wife already has returned to Poland but the economic climate there could have a bearing on future discussions.

Pacy and skilful Lonka made immediate impact in his first season here but his de-

vastating touch tapered a little last term.

Welczorek flourished in the sweeper's role at Polonia Park after initially playing in midfield. He is one of the best dead ball kickers in the league — quite lethal with free kicks around the penalty area.

Meanwhile, Polonia has three top players recuperating from surgery.

Former Rothmans Medal winner David Dorne again has had a knee operation and will be a late starter this season.

Defender Robert Bucco had a knee reconstructed and utility player Greg Buch, the

victim of a bashing in Gawler, also has undergone an operation.

Versatile and aggressive Steve Koutsouvelis has returned to the club after a training stint with Hellas, and Polonia is close to signing two other versatile State League performers.

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Embattled Tasmania backs down again

BY WALTER PLESS

THE Tasmanian Soccer Federation, already embroiled in the battle over tobacco sponsorship, has had to back down on another front.



It has waived the penalties imposed on the Launceston Juventus club and on its senior coach, Leighton Hodge, and committee member, Peter Mies, until a hearing scheduled for February.

Hodge had been banned for life as a player and coach on September 24 after a TSF disciplinary hearing had found him guilty of assaulting referee Brett Mackay during a sideline altercation during the Cadbury State League match between Launceston Juventus and White Eagle at KGV Soccer Park on Saturday, September 15.

Mies had been found guilty of foul and abusive language and was banned from entering grounds under the jurisdiction of the TSF until January 1, 1992.

The Launceston Juventus club was found guilty of bringing the game into disrepute as a result of the actions of its officials and was fined \$1000, half of which was suspended until January 1, 1992, on condition that no further offences were committed by the club.

Hodge, Mies and the club appealed against the decisions and, following legal advice, the TSF has suspended the penalties until the new hearing.

"On seeking legal advice, after an appeal by solicitors acting on behalf of the two Launceston Juventus officials and the club, we have looked into the setting up of the committee and the way in which things were done," said Gor-

don Jablonski, the TSF general manager.

"We have discovered that we have done some things incorrectly in as much as we neglected to follow procedures which would be normal in those circumstances in advising people concerned of the charges.

"Following advice from our solicitors, we have decided that the best thing that can be done is that the original situation, the original charges, the original committee meeting be set aside and that the matter will be re-heard later."

Jablonski rejected suggestions that the circumstances surrounding the success of the appeals were an embarrassment to the TSF.

"No, I don't think it is an embarrassment," Jablonski said.

"The situation was done to the best of our knowledge at the time.

"The mistake that has been made really is more a technicality in as much as a letter stating the individual charges was not sent to each person individually and this, according to the solicitors, is not the way that things should be done.

"We haven't set a date for the new hearing, but it will probably be early in February."

Canberra Metros drum up support

BY GRAHAM COOKE

CANBERRA Metros have circulated all clubs in the ACT first and second divisions with the aim of solidifying local support for their campaign to enter the Quit National Soccer League.

The Metros scheduled a meeting at the Croatia Deakin Club and welcomed "con-

structive comments, suggestions and/or letters of support."

Sent out under the name of president Frank Crnkovic, the letter says it is imperative that Canberra fields a team in the QNSL in the summer season of 1991-92.

It sets out a number of objectives, among them the importance of lifting the profile of soccer and liaising with the ACT Soccer

Federation and its other member clubs.

It promises local information in its match-day programs, that Metros players will take part in coaching clinics in schools and clubs and that QNSL players will be available to play in the ACT League during their off-season in the winter.

"Canberra Metros would like the club to represent the whole community in the QNSL by implementing these initiatives which, it is felt, would benefit all the clubs in the ACT as well as improve the profile of the sport at both senior and junior level," the letter says.

★ ACT SOCCER Federation office manager Imogen Cook has resigned. Her departure, following that of development officer Paul FitzPatrick in the middle of 1990, cuts full-time staff at the Sports House office to one — secretary Annetta Wilhelm, who also helps to administer the Westfield Junior League.

★ RICHARD MURRAY is the new president of ACT first-division Weston Creek. Colin Tully retains his position as chairman of the club's senior section while other officers are: Juniors chairman, Peter Stanfield; women's chairperson, Bronwyn Wain; secretary, Warren Bardsley; treasurer, Elaine Freedman; director of coaching, John Cannock.



Joe Markovac (left) of Preston flies in for a spectacular header against St George — Picture: JOE MONTEMURRO.

Ian Heywood qualified but has nowhere to go

BY GRAHAM COOKE

IAN Heywood is all dressed up with nowhere to go.

The former Tuggeranong United team boss and Canberra City NSL player heard earlier this month he had passed the Australian Soccer Federation's level three coaching examination.

He is one of only five out of about 30 who took the 1990 NSW course — that puts him among the most qualified coaches in the ACT area.

But the appointment of Steve Bryant to the Tuggeranong post for the 1991 season leaves Heywood a man without a club.

"I could have stayed on at United as a player, but I didn't think it would be fair to either Steve or myself if I did so," he said.

He admitted he had had talks with Weston Creek over its vacant coaching position, but decided against pursuing the matter.

"They made the situation there seem quite hopeful but in the end I was not convinced Weston Creek will have any easier season this time than they have in the recent past," he said.

"The coach who eventually takes over will have a very difficult time."

Heywood says he will probably take a year off from club coaching. "After all, I will still have that certificate in 12 months."

For the moment he plans to begin training with Juventus.

"At 31, I may have a season or so left as a player while I have the rest of my life to



IAN HEYWOOD

coach," he said.

"If I make the first team, fine. Otherwise I'll be happy enough in the reserves."

"I have applied for the ACT under 19s

again this year and I'll enjoy taking them if selected."

"In the longer term I'd really like to get into coaching at the highest level."

Readers' Letters

WRIGHT OR WRONG?

Is it true that Danny Wright no longer plays for South Melbourne?

I ask this question on the basis of your assessment of South's most talented squad man for man, and the fact that you have left Danny Wright's name off the list.

Since joining South



Melbourne I believed that Danny Wright had proved more than a capable player, and is it not a fact that Paul Trimoli has not played a really brilliant game in the last two seasons because of the fact that Danny no longer played up front?

Wright has always been a player who could read a game and was noted as one of Australia's best ball distributors.

South's loss will be another club's gain.

Please let us know where he now plays.

Allan Rodgers, Cleveland Q.

[When Danny Wright has been included in the South Melbourne team the tendency has been to use him either as a right wing/right midfielder or one part of a double centre-forward team. He is a quality player, although his role seems to have been taken over by Kimon Taliadoros. Paul Trimoli at his best is a revelation, but he has not reached his peak since trialling for Glasgow Rangers — Ed]

SOCCEROO TICKETS

I believe the Australian Soccer Federation and Ticketek are jointly being wonderfully successful in making it "mission impossible" for a soccer fan to buy tickets for the forthcoming Australia versus Czechoslovakia international at the Parramatta Stadium on February 6.

On ringing the ASF on 11/1/91 I was told to contact Ticketek. On going to the Ticketek Wynyard Branch on 11/1/91 I was told to get in touch with the ASF and (perhaps) Ticketek would have the tickets available on Monday 14/1/91.

On visiting Ticketek (Wynyard) on Wednesday 16/1/91 I was told that tickets were unavailable; that Ticketek were unsure when they might be available, and that I should get in touch with the ASF.

On getting in touch with the ASF on 16/1/91 I was told to ring Ticketek head office. On phoning Ticketek head office I was told to ring Parramatta Stadium. On ringing Parramatta Stadium I was told to ring Ticketek.

Surprisingly enough I became quite fed up at this stage, although I still will be taking three friends along to see the game.

I feel the ASF has to lift its game.

R.D. Fildes
47 Parkes Street
Manly Vale NSW 2093

[Your frustration is understandable, but it seems you were a mite too early in your quest for booked seats. ASF general manager Alan Vessey advises that the ticketing deal was signed with Ticketek manager Mr Avery by NSWAF general manager Ian Holmes on 15.1.91. The basis was that tickets for the match would be on sale immediately. Mr Vessey said that press and radio advertising would commence immediately. Commencing ticket sales three weeks ahead appears to be sound practice in this case — Ed].

WORLD CUP

I am a little disappointed about your headline and story in the December 17 edition of the ASW.

If this is the attitude of the ASF and the media, then why bother entering the World Cup at all?

I for one get very angry at this negative, defeatist attitude.

When we win the Oceania group and then beat all other opposition on our way to the World Cup, we will have proven that we are good enough to be there and good enough to win the World Cup.

The only thing that stands between Australia and qualifying for World Cup is the mental attitude of the administrators and the media.

So for goodness sake, let's all Advance Australia Fair.

Ray D. Verdon
Wagga Wagga, NSW

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AIS whips the Rosebuds

BY PAUL GOODWIN

A return to the lush surface at the Australian Institute headquarters in Canberra allowed the AIS team to record a 7-0 win at the expense of struggling Adamstown Rosebuds on Saturday night.

The Institute was celebrating its 10th birthday on this occasion and Ron Smith's charges showed no mercy against their somewhat younger opposition.

Considering that the AIS had whipped the national U-17 side a fortnight earlier and Adamstown has the bulk of its players in that age group, the result should come as no surprise.

Hat tricks by Ice Kutlesovski and Mario Crivari and the other by Nick Radecki, all regular scorers, put the home side back on track after the previous week's loss to Apia.

Adamstown must regroup and tackle Marconi at the Valentine complex in Newcastle next weekend with a determination to record a breakthrough result.

Sydney Olympic showed that they are ready to challenge the leaders by defeating Wollongong Macedonia 2-1 at Brandon Park.

Pablo Cardosa kept up his good form with two more valuable goals, while Borce Popovski replied for the homeside, who performed creditably.

Sydney Croatia got the result they needed to issue a threat of their own, beating Parramatta Melita 2-0 at Melita Stadium in a game punctuated by heavy showers.

Croatia took the lead in the 31st minute when Robert Runje rose high at the far post to head the ball into the top left corner, following a kick from the flag by Scott Wells on the right.

Two minutes before the break a long clearance out of defence by Runje found Matthew Zec on halfway and his solo effort ultimately sealed the match.

Zec pushed wide on the right, cut in past Nazokmet and tucked the ball under the advancing Melita keeper Steve Mautone.

In the second half play was evenly contested and there were near misses at both ends.

Mike Grbevski hit the post in the 67th minute for Croatia, while Aldo Martincich was deprived of a goal by Zeljko Kalac with a timely save in the 82nd.

The Highfields Azzurri and Sydney Academy game was deferred due to continuing commitments by the latter.

St George and Wollongong City were engaged in a game at Barton Park which the homeside and competition leaders could have been expected to win.

Glen Fontana's Wol-

ves, though revealing their full potential against a St George side, much shuffled due to first grade call-ups, running out handsome 3-1 winners.

Wollongong took the lead in the eighth minute when a poor clearance by Eddie Haragli was seized on by Danny Petkovic and after the shot had been parried by Saints keeper Mario Szaia, Peter Kotamandis followed up to give the 'Gong side a handy early lead.

Four minutes later Alan Stokic equalized after being put through by Andy Koczka and beating Bouhoutos, but that was to be the only goal that Saints could manage.

Another error by Haragli, an under-weighted back pass, was well read by Danny Eriman who sent Petkovic away down the right and his chip over the defenders was headed home by Sasa Dimoski in the 23rd.

As Saints pressed hard for a second equalizer Eriman broke free down the left wing and crossed smartly for Claudio Giraldi to head in a third and decisive goal.

Marconi and Apia-Leichhardt kicked off late on Sunday (a day later than the senior side) and shared a tight even game in front of a small crowd.

Tony Lemezina put the visitors in front when he slid the ball under Arnold Schwarzer after a hectic goalmouth struggle in the 18th minute.

Glen Johnson looked

211 set to bring the scores level in the 40th minute when he raced into the penalty area, but was brought down and the spot kick honour fell to Gabriel Mendez who no mistake.

Marconi fans were delighted to hit the lead in the 72nd minute when Andrew Charlwood beat the Apia keeper with a cracker of a shot from the edge of the area after a fine cross by Johnson.

With Apia down to ten men due to the red-carding of Hassam Kdouh things looked grim for the visitors.

They responded well however, as Derek Poirer got away from his marker and brought the sides level with a goal at the second attempt in the 80th, after a defender had cleared his first shot.

Lemezina proved the difference between the two sides as things turned out, by getting the winner as the game moved into stoppage time, his goals at each end of the game proving decisive.

Rd 16 Results
AIS 7 (Kutlesovski 3, Crivari 3, Radecki) Adamstown Rosebuds 0, Wollongong Macedonia 1 (Popeski) Sydney Olympic 2 (Cardosa 2), Parramatta Melita 0 Sydney Croatia 2 (Runje Zec), St George 1 (Stojic) Wollongong City 3 (Kotamandis Dimoski C Giraldi), Marconi 2 (Mendez pen Charlwood) Apia Leichhardt 3 (Lemezina 2 Poirer), Highfields Azzurri v Sydney Academy postponed.

St George	14	9	2	3	38	22	20
Sydney Olympic	14	8	4	2	23	12	20
AIS	11	8	2	1	33	12	18
Sydney Croatia	12	8	1	3	25	9	17
Parramatta Melita	13	7	3	3	19	11	17
Wollongong City	14	6	3	5	18	19	15
Apia Leichhardt	14	5	2	7	24	29	12
Highfield Azzurri	13	4	3	6	24	31	11
Sydney Academy	10	4	2	4	19	13	10
Marconi	13	4	1	8	19	24	9
Wollongong Mace	14	2	1	11	36	5	
Adamstown	14	0	2	12	15	50	2

Estavillo to stay in Australia

BY MARIO ETCHART

FORMER Sydney Olympic Uruguayan midfielder Vince Estavillo, who had offers to coach in Uruguay, has decided to stay in Australia for one more year.



VINCE ESTAVILLO

Estavillo previously turned down offers to coach four Sydney clubs because of his decision to go to his native country.

After a brilliant career as soccer player with Uruguayan clubs Penarol, Wanderers and Bella Vista, Greek teams Olympiakos and Ioannina and 1985 American Cup champion Krete in the United States, Estavillo played for the now extinct Auburn Uruguay in 1985 and for the National League club Sydney Olympic in 1986-87.

Estavillo, who held a coaching and physical training degree from Uruguay, became a coach in 1988 with Canterbury Marickville in the First Division of the NSW State League.

In 1989 he took control of Cyprus United, winning the Grand Final, and in 1990 guided NSW Second Division State League Club Fairfield City to third position and the semi-finals of the League.

He has just completed his Level 3 coaching course and is willing to coach a team from the National League or the First or Second Division Leagues in NSW or interstate.

The services of this talented soccer figure will be a great asset to any club in Australia.

He can be contacted on (02) 540 2353.

NSL Southern Div

Adcity four ahead

BY ROY HAY

ADELAIDE City defeated South Melbourne Hellas 3-0 in Round 16 of the National Youth League (Southern Division) on the January 20 1991 at the Hindmarsh Stadium.

The win extended its lead in the NYL to four points.

Jamie Perin scored the only goal of the first half of what was a fine, highly skilled game.

Michael Brooks made it two after the break and Ross Aloisi completed another top game with the third goal.

Geelong City recorded its first ever victory over Altona Gate at Paisley Reserve 2-1.

Both sides were below full strength, but it was City which showed the greater character on the day, after losing Troy Hardy with a nasty, accidental, head-wound early in the game.

It was no-score at the interval and Henry Velkovski ran through a static defence to give Altona Gate the lead early in the second half.

Charlie Fitzpatrick replied for Geelong with a shot which the Altona keeper could not hold and Ricky Black put away the rebound.

Cedo Rakic ran the ball right along the goal-line and squeezed it past the keeper to where Black was waiting to grab the winner.

Springvale City, with former Socceroo Jimmy Rooney in midfield beat Northcote City 2-0 at the Frank Holohan Complex.

Guiseppe Gentile opened the scoring after 37 minutes from the penalty spot and Pasquale Grella got the second after 12 minutes of the second half.

Rooney then made way for one of his youngsters, who held on to record their second victory in the NYL.

Heidelberg United had one of the upset results of the day when it beat Preston Makedonia 3-2 at Olympic Village.

Angie Goutzoulis was

the hero with two first half goals for Heidelberg and Sam Papadopoulos got the winner after 66 minutes.

Melbourne Croatia Colts also beat the odds to down Caulfield City 2-1 at Princes Park.

Jani Suric took his season's tally to 12 with the first goal and Krni Razov made it two, Ilias Diniotis replied for Caulfield.

A Joe Hastie goal gave South Melbourne Hellas Colts a 1-0 win over Brighton at Middle Park.

Hellas Colts still has five Joeys in New Zealand, where they are helping Australia qualify for the World Under-17 Cup and this was another meritorious performance in their absence.

SOUTHERN DIVISION 20th January

South Melbourne Hellas Colts 1 (Hastie) Brighton 0, Adelaide City 3 (Perin, Brooks, Aloisi) South Melbourne Hellas 0, Caulfield City 1 (Diniotis) Melbourne Croatia Colts 2 (Suric, Krunoslav Razov), Melbourne Croatia 1 (Milanovic) Sunshine George Cross 1 (Latif), Springvale City 2 (Gentile, Grella) Northcote City 0, Heidelberg United 3 (Goutzoulis 2, Papadopoulos) Preston Makedonia 2 (Georgopoulos, Dimitrievski), Altona Gate 1 (Velkovski) Geelong City 2 (Black 2).

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Adelaide City	16	14	1	1	58	16	29
Sunshine GC	16	11	3	2	41	20	25
SMH	15	9	3	3	43	19	21
Preston Mak	16	9	2	5	52	23	20
Altona Gate	16	8	2	6	33	27	18
Melb. Croatia	15	8	1	6	40	27	17
Heidelberg	16	7	3	6	28	31	17
Geelong City	16	6	3	7	28	39	15
Caulfield	16	5	4	7	23	29	14
Melb. Cr Colts	16	5	2	9	22	40	12
Northcote City	16	5	2	9	31	50	12
SMH Colts	16	4	2	10	16	43	10
Springvale	16	2	3	11	15	52	7
Brighton	16	2	1	13	11	35	5

LEADING GOALSCORERS
Carlo Talladira Adelaide City 15, Michael Brooks Adelaide City 13, Nick Georgopoulos Preston Makedonia 13, Jani Suric Melbourne Croatia Colts 12, Mitchell Cattermole Sunshine George Cross 11, George Alkarakos Caulfield City 10, Peter Nikolopoulos South Melbourne Hellas 10.

— ROY HAY



Full steam ahead for Geelong Advertiser Cup

BY ROY HAY

VICTORIA's premier non-Metropolitan cup competition will kick-off at Myers Reserve on Wednesday night with a replay of last year's final between North Geelong and Geelong.

Last year the clubs could not be separated until a penalty shoot-out, but North Geelong has made no secret of its aim to win the Advertiser Cup and to gain promotion from Division One of the Victorian State League to the new Premier Division.

This will be the eleventh year of the Geelong Advertiser Cup and host club, East Geelong, which was relegated to Division Two of the Provisional League last season, will hope to reverse that slide in 1991.

Host clubs have traditionally done well in this tournament, winning six times.

East will have strong opposition, with North and Bell Park, the two State League Division One sides the pre-tournament favourites.

North has re-signed two of its most promising former players, Steve Horvat from Melbourne Croatia and Patrick Alilovic from St Albans Dinamo.

Coach Branko Culina has also picked up Goran Trogrlic from Dinamo, Robert Palmariotti from Northcote City and keeper Mark Digaochino from Essendon Triestina.

Bell Park won back-to-back premierships and will take its place in Division One under George Train.

The former Airdrie and Essendon Lions player will have "Sonny" Sevin from Holland Park, who spent a brief period at the Australian Institute of Sport, to replace Mark Linney who has retired.

Bell Park hopes to sign another couple of players and will have several of the Geelong City National Youth

League players coming through this season as well, including Michael Spasevski, Cedo Rakic and Ross Hay.

Last year's winner, Geelong, has appointed former player Steve Jones as coach, and he is quite determined not to surrender the hard-won title.

Geelong is likely to have Paul Mills from Brintons and possibly Darren Nelson from Hamlyn Rangers and hopes to sign a strong central defender, its greatest lack in recent years.

Paul McGurnahan, Peter McCaffrey and Craig Plummer have been burning for Geelong City as senior players in the NYL and will come into the Advertiser Cup match fit.

Corio-Geelong United also has a new coach, with Lui Govelli taking over from Brendan Lakic, who remains as a player.

George van der Chys seems set to return and with Robbie Nogger and Pierre Grzybek will form a potent strike force, which may surprise other competitors.

Ian McCarthy continues as coach at Hamlyn Rangers, where the accent will be on youth, with big things expected of Charles Fitzpatrick and Jimmy Fraser.

Brintons, under Paul Halliday this year, has come within an ace of qualifying for the semi-finals in the last two seasons, and will seek to make it third time lucky, while the combined team from the Western Victoria Soccer Association looks to be a better blend than in some past years and may cause its own upsets.

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Training sessions commence tomorrow, Tuesday January 15, that will be held at:

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at 6.30pm sharp

For further information, please contact:

Mr D. Naylor ☎ (02) 684 2025 (BH)
OR
Mr T. Elias ☎ (02) 569 7065 (P)

COACH WANTED

Penrith Soccer Club, which plays in the NSW State League Division 4 competition, invites applications for the position of SENIOR COACH for the 1991 season.

Applications must be made in writing, stating qualifications and experience, and must be forwarded to:

**THE SECRETARY,
P.O. Box 1010,
PENRITH. NSW. 2750**

For further information, please contact:
Federation Secretary, Dave Perkins
047 362 168 or Club President,
Derek Else 047 218 629



The LIONS

Malmo tough opponents for Australia's women

FROM ANISSA TANN

TOP Swedish women's soccer club, Malmo, will arrive in Sydney on Friday (Jan 25) to play three games against Australia — on Sunday at St George Stadium, on Tuesday at Marconi Stadium and on February 1 at Canberra's Metros Stadium.

Malmo will be the first European women's team to tour Australia and their visit will assist the national team with match preparation for the Oceania World Cup qualification tournament to be staged in Sydney during May.

Malmo women's team was elected Best Sport Team of the Year 1990 by Swedish sports journalists and boasts many national players from both Sweden and Denmark.

Australia can expect strong opposition.

National women's coach Steve Darby has developed a relatively new squad since 1988 and he will be relying on the experience of his captain Anissa Tann (12 internationals), as well as Michelle Sawyers (20), Julie Murray (15), Moya Dodd (12) and Carol Vinson (12).

The first encounter will kick off at 5pm at St George Stadium on Sunday prior to the Quit National Soccer League match between Sydney Olympic and St George.

In 1990 Malmo FF became Swedish champions after winning the league and the Cup.

The women's team was started in 1971 and has won the league once before in 1986 but not the Cup.

The average age of the players is 22 years.

The most famous player is Lena Videkull (28) who scored 21 goals in the season to become top goal scorer.

She has also been Player of the Year in Sweden twice.

Malmo's defence is the strongest part of their game.

The best player is left back Eva Zeikfalvy who was born in Sweden to Hungarian parents.

At the end of 1990 Malmo FF had won 19 games in a row.

The men's team of MFF has often toured overseas and played in Australia in 1989.

1990 was not a very good season, however, with the team ranked sixth in the top division.

The usual Malmo line-up is: Ing-Marie Olsson (Sweden's first goalkeeper), Malin Lundgren (Sweden's right-back), Bonny Madsen and Karina Sefron (Danish centre-backs), Eva Zeikfalvy (left-back), Cecilia Nilsson, Anna Wallersten, Therese Bergqvist and Pernilla Pettersson (midfield), Lena Videkull and Veronica Persson (forwards).



The Teams' Records

Australia's International Record: Played 61, Won 29, Drawn 14, Lost 18 GF 103 / GA 66
Malmo 1990 Record: League Winners, Cup Winners, Won 19 Games in a row, Average age 22.
Key Players: Lena Videkull — 52 Internationals — Leading Goal Scorer (21).
 Eva Zeikfalvy — 26 Internationals
 Karin Sefron — 19 Internationals

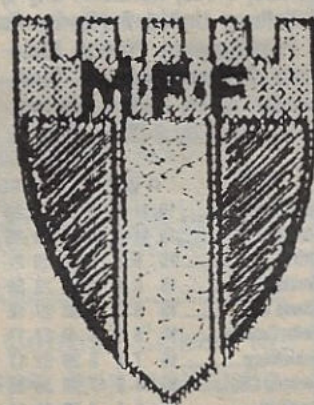
Malmo Match Dates

January 27, 5pm, St George Stadium, Rockdale.
 January 29, 7pm, Marconi Stadium, Bossley Park.
 February 1, 7pm, Canberra Metros Oval, Deakin.

THE MALMO SQUAD

Players:

ANNELI ANDERSSON
 MALIN LUNDGREN
 BONNY MADSEN
 ANGELICA PERSSON
 VERONICA PERSSON
 KARINA SEFRON
 LENA VIDEKULL
 ING-MARIE OLSSON
 EVA ZEIKFALVY
 PERNILLA PETTERSSON
 MARIA SJOBACK
 HELENA NORDIN
 JANET ASP
 ASA HANSSON
 HELENA OLSSON
 MARIE IVARSSON
 ANNA WALLERSTEN
 CECILIA NILSSON
 HANNAH DRAXELL
 THERESE BERGQVIST
 JEANETTE STROMBERG
 JESSICA OHLSSON
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 STEFAN ENGBLOM (Head Coach)
 ULF PERGQUIST (Former Head Coach)
 LENNART HERTLER (Second Coach)
 MONIKA HOLMQVIST (Medical/Physio)
 THORSTEN FRENSTEDT (Journalist/Adviser)

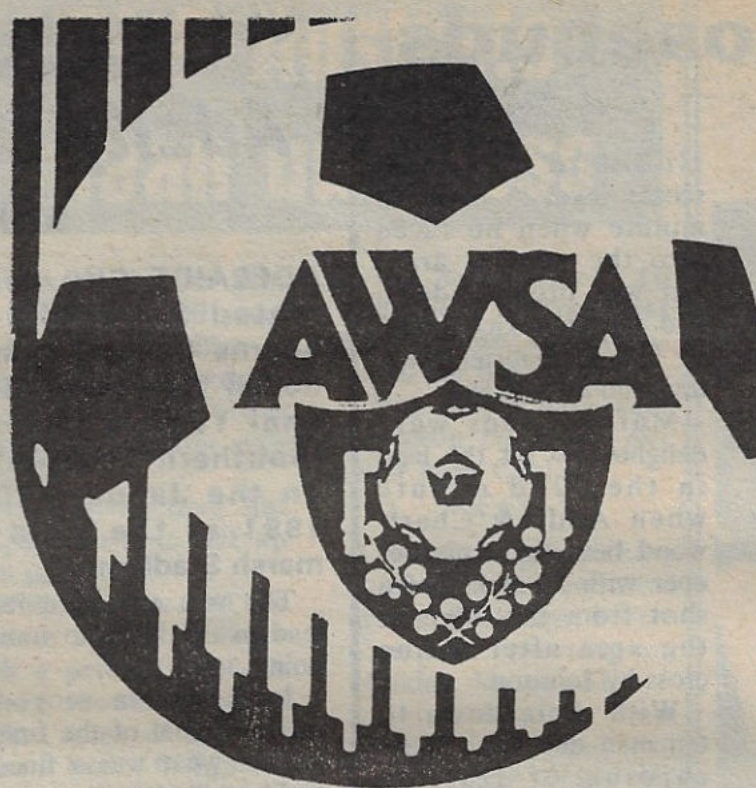
AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL WOMENS SQUAD

Name: Anissa Tann
Club: Girraween
Birth date: 10.10.67
Preferred position: Defender
Occupation: Supervisor
Qualifications: Level 2 Soccer
National Championships: 5
International appearances: 12

Name: Moya Dodd
Club: North Ryde
Birthdate: 30.04.65
Preferred Position: Midfield
Occupation: Lawyer
Qualifications: Level 2 Soccer
National Championships: 6
International Appearances: 12

Name: Tracey Wheeler
Club: Melita Eagles
Birthdate: 26.9.67
Preferred Position: Goalkeeper
Occupation: Physiotherapist
Qualifications: Level 4 Referee, Level 2 Soccer, Physio Degree

National Championships: 5
International Appearances: 6



Name: Linda Hughes
Club: Adamstown
Birthdate: 9.6.68
Preferred Position: Forward
Occupation: Student
Qualifications: Level 2 Soccer
National Championships: 5
International Appearances: 8

Name: Michelle Sawyers
Club: Coalstars
Birthdate: 25.10.60
Preferred Position: Fullback, Sweeper
Occupation: Domestic
Qualifications: Level 2 Soccer
National Championships: 14
International Appearances: 20

Name: Angela Ianotta
Club: Albury United
Birthdate: 22.3.71
Preferred Position: Forward
Occupation: Hospitality
Qualifications: First Aid, Level 2
National Championships: 6
International Appearances: 6 (+1 youth)

Name: Sonia Gegenhuber
Club: SA College
Birthdate: 28.9.70
Preferred Position: Midfield/Defence
Occupation: Student
Qualifications: First Aid, Level 2
National Championships: 3
International Appearances: 2

Name: Sharon Wass
Club: Redlands United
Birthdate: 7.2.67
Preferred Position: Midfield
Occupation: Car detailing
Qualifications: Level 2 Soccer
National Championships: 7
International Appearances: 5

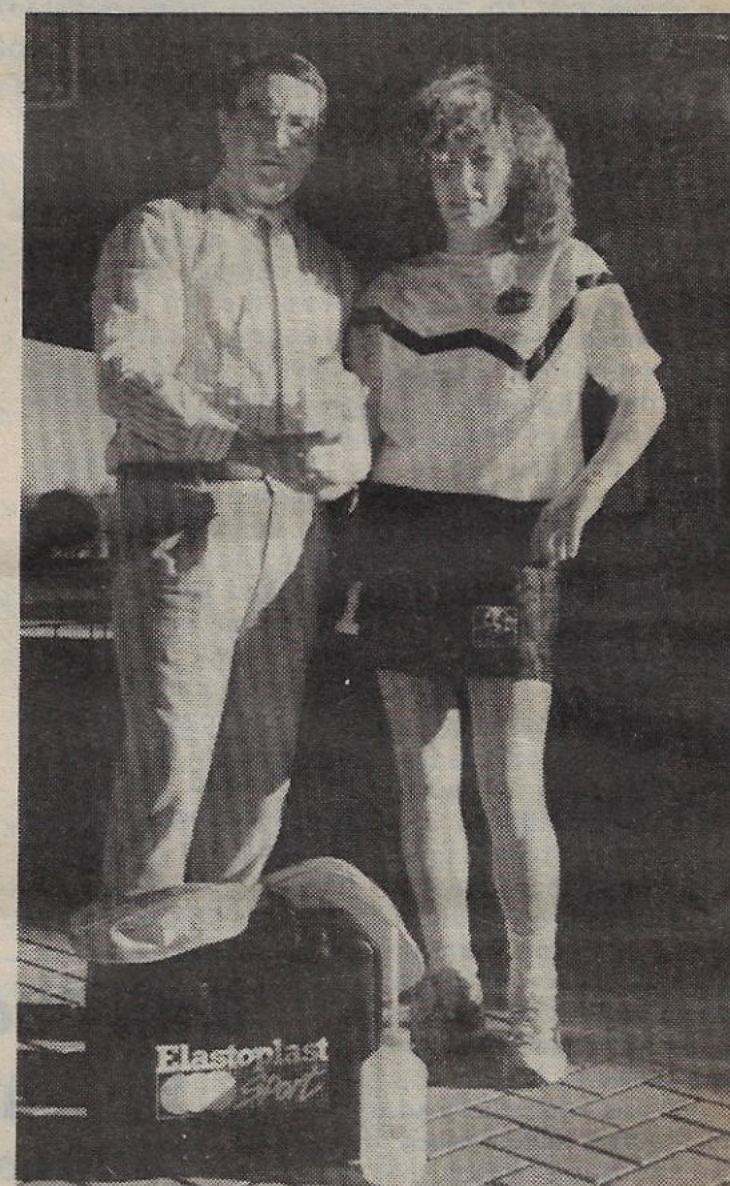
Name: Janine McPhee
Club: Coburg
Birthdate: 15.12.66
Preferred Position: Not goalkeeper
Occupation: Sports Administrator
Qualifications: Level 2 Soccer
National Championships: 8
International Appearances: 5

Name: Alison Forman
Club: Raymond Terrace
Birthdate: 17.3.69
Preferred Position: Midfield
Occupation: Labourer
Qualifications: Level 2 Soccer
National Championships: 3
International Appearances: 4

Name: Kim Schaefer
Club: Liverpool Olympic
Birthdate: 11.11.69
Preferred Position: Goalkeeper
Occupation: Student
Qualifications: Level 2 Soccer
National Championships: 5
International Appearances: 3

Name: Julie Murray
Club: Weston Creek
Birthdate: 28.4.70
Preferred Position: Forward
Occupation: Level 1 Soccer
Qualifications: 7
National Championships: 15
International Appearances:

Name: Carol Vinson
Club: Putney Town
Birthdate: 31.10.62
Preferred Position: Forward
Occupation: Business Analyst
Qualifications: 7
National Championships: 12
International Appearances:



Australia's National womens squad will be led by captain Anissa Tann for the first of the team's confrontations with Swedish club Malmo this Sunday at St George Stadium. Anissa Tann is pictured above with Gary Evans of Elastoplast, which recently came to the fore by becoming a sponsor of the womens squad.

Name: Sharon Young
Club: Liverpool Olympic
Birthdate: 16.6.65
Preferred Position: Sweeper
Occupation: Production chief
Qualifications: First Aid, Level 1

National Championships: 2
International Appearances: 1

Name: Traci Bartlett
Club: Melita Eagles
Birthdate: 17.5.72
Preferred Position: Midfield
Occupation: Bank Clerk
Qualifications: Level 1 Soccer
National Championships: 6 (3 Jun, 2 Youth)

International Appearances: 3 (Youth)

Name: Kaylene Janssen
Club: Coalstars
Birthdate: 18.8.68
Preferred Position: Midfield
Occupation: Nursery hand

Other team members: Janine Riddington, Katrina Boyd

Chance for potential referees

THE Australian Affiliated Soccer Referees' Federation NSW Division invites all those interested to join up and become a soccer referee.

The secretary for contact is Ron Beaumont, 496 Blaxland Road, Eastwood NSW 2121.

The Australian Affiliated Soccer Referees' Federation (NSW Division) Incorporated is a body that is divided

into branch areas throughout the metropolitan and country areas of NSW.

Membership within these branches presently amounts to a total of some 1300 male and female referees with the responsibility of providing officials to cover all soccer organised by the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation and its affiliated associations for over 100,000 players.

The organisation is responsible to provide

APPLICATION FORM

Australian Affiliated Soccer Referees' Federation (NSW Division) Inc.

Please complete and return to:
Secretary AASRF (NSW Div) Inc
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I HAVE AN INVOLVEMENT IN SOCCER? YES/NO

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(STATE WHETHER PLAYER, COACH, PARENT ETC.)

LOCAL SOCCER ASSOCIATION IF KNOWN:.....

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WHAT CAN BECOMING A REFEREE DO FOR YOU?

Becoming a referee can help you in many different ways.

It will teach you responsibility.

You will learn to make quick decisions and then stand by these decisions.

Self discipline is a very important part of refereeing.

You can't allow yourself to be caught up in arguments with players, officials or spectators.

It can develop self esteem.

You will learn to become very aware of how you present yourself.

It will teach you tolerance and understanding.

As you deal with players, being a referee can help improve your day to day outlook on life.

Refereeing is like many things in life, what you put into it can effect greatly what benefits you can gain.

REFEREEING CAN BE FUN

Go on. Give it a go.

Refereeing can be very rewarding in many ways.

WHERE WOULD YOU REFEREE?

The organisation is divided into branches throughout the metropolitan and country areas.

When your application is received it will be forwarded to the branch nearest to where you live.

That branch will start you on the way to becoming a referee.

You may select any Branch as there is no compulsion on which branch you join.

It will help you by joining your nearest branch, as it would keep travel to a minimum as the games you will be asked to referee will be closer to home.

You will be required to attend lectures on the Laws of the Game and sit for a multiple choice examination on the Laws.

After completing the theory part, you will at some later time be asked to referee a suitable game, when you will be assessed on how well you are able to put into practice the theory you have learnt.

The examination you do is set by the Australian Soccer Referees' Federation, and is the same one that is completed by all new referees throughout Australia.



A group of three cadet referees. Recruitment of cadets, as well as seniors and ex-players and interested persons, is vital to keep the great game of soccer football moving smoothly ahead at all levels.

referees to games from under 6 to senior all age games.

This does not include such games as State League or National Soccer League.

The organisation is the starting point for anybody that would like to try their hand at refereeing.

It also caters for anybody that has previous refereeing experience at any level.

Most branches can also provide for anyone who may have a single preference such

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People such as you become referees because:

* You have enjoyed soccer as a player, coach, manager, pa-

rent, spectator, or regard soccer as a top, clean contact sport. etc.

* You enjoy watching soccer on TV and want to take an active part in the game.

* You see it as a good way of keeping fit.

* Some would rather referee every week than sit on the reserve bench so often.

* Young people see it as a means of earning pocket money.

* Some enjoy exercising the power they believe the referee has.

* For some it is seen as a challenge.

Whan, Ghisso on learning curve in Europe



Adam Whan poses with Liverpool great, English international John Barnes.

MARCONI Fairfield starlets Adam Whan and John Ghisso arrive in Brussels today (Monday) for four weeks of training under fully professional conditions.

Accompanied by coach Nelson Brizuela, they will have four weeks to improve their football in both Belgium and Holland.

No doubt they will meet up with quite a

few Australian stars while they are there.

The wonderful opportunity to hone their football skills stems from the club Marconi — Linbar Industries Junior Scholarship, set up by Linbar's proprietors, Neil Barillaro and Mick Cattalini.

They said: "This is a very unique and worthwhile avenue of sponsorship whereby talented Australian athletes are given the opportunity to train

and learn in fully professional establishments, and then hopefully return home with new and varied experiences and thus further excel in their sport."

Whan and Ghisso were chosen by the coaching staff of Marconi Fairfield and the Southern Districts Soccer Football Association last year as outstanding soccer prospects.

— KEITH GILMOUR

Illawarra clinics provide top value

WITH less than two weeks of school holidays remaining and the 1991 amateur season approaching, a last chance for youngsters to improve their soccer skills is available in the form of the Illawarra Soccer Association coaching clinics.

Held from 5pm to 8pm on January 23, 24 and 25 the clinics come under the direction of the Association's Chris James, who will be assisted by a number of other qualified coaches.

Wollongong Uni-

versity Campus East will be the venue, and at a cost of \$15 the experience should be of great value.

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— DAVID SMEDLEY

Roos' World Cup luck

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Good luck cannot be relied upon.

One can only depend on one's own capabilities.

That theoretically "weak" teams were successful in Italy '90 and showed an exceptionally high standard, can only be due to their own efforts.

This involved:

- correct selection and a defined concept for construction of their teams,
- good coaching,
- skill in building up good sporting condition of the players during elimination matches and World Cup finals.

If after 20 years of absence we intend to play in the finals of USA '94, it is necessary to follow the example of these successful nations and conduct appropriate intensive training.

But firstly we must:

- select a large number of about 40 players, on the basis of specialised medical and skills tests and developmental potentials,
- give the group a special coaching program,
- raise standards of and increase amount of training in club and national teams,
- increase individual coaching for the best players.

There is a need here for co-operation between club coaches.

- increase number of test games with strong opponents (not only European teams), in the first place, with those likely to be playing in elimination series in the lead up to the World Cup USA '94, (Central, North and South America — Mexico, Costa Rica, Argentina,

Brazil, Uruguay, Colombia, Chile, Paraguay, Bolivia, Ecuador). This is a most important component of the coaching program.

• build up an 'information bank' for coaching needs, in the first place about the players and teams likely to be opponents in the eliminations for USA '94.

• build up a high sporting condition in both players and teams, for the period of the elimination matches.

• systematically build up a proper psychological competitive attitude (motivation and confidence in own strengths).

After a period of 2/3 years of planned coaching, it is possible to compete in the eliminations without a feeling of inferiority.

It is then possible to look ahead towards good soccer representation on the field in USA '94.

Reaching that goal is not easy in Australian conditions, but it should be done.

I believe these proposals are helped by the fact that the present standard of soccer in Australia is better than in previous years.

So we have the goal of building a strong soccer "Club" titled "Australia".

The New Year wish of the soccer fans is for coaches, Thomson and Scheinflug, the club coaches, players and ASF is that they achieve their ambitions on the way to the Finals of World Cup USA '94.

★ Dr Wrzos is the writer of the authoritative "SOCCER-The International Training Guide," which is currently being published in New York.

NBN supports Northern Branch

BY ROBERT WHEATLEY



Peter Browne, promotions manager for highly regarded NBN Television, centred on Newcastle, cements a new deal with Robert Wheatley. Also pictured is NSW Amateur Soccer Federation Northern Branch secretary, Janice Norden.

NBN Television has renewed its sponsorship arrangements for 1991 with the Northern Branch of the NSWASF, in a continuation of a four part deal involving all areas of the branches' activities and competitions.

In recent discussions with NBN's Promotions Manager Mr Peter Browne and Northern Branch Secretary Janice Norden, a plan was formulated to continue NBN support of the Branch Championships, together with the very popular U10 Big Dog knock out competition held in Newcastle around June each year.

With the beginning of the season only weeks away, NBN will again feature a television commercial signalling the start of soccer for 1991.

It will also include information outlining the promotional brochure, which can be obtained from association secretaries, or from the sports organiser of local schools early in Term 1.

The logo and message of NBN Television will appear on 100,000 leaflets, which will be distributed throughout associations in the Northern Branch in early February.

This will coincide with the television commercial in a co-ordinated campaign to increase overall registrations.

The support of NBN Television in all these projects is to be congratulated.

Without such a valuable sponsor many of the initiatives taken by Northern Branch would not be possible.

'Iggy' and 'Turbo' gain Socceroo recognition

THE recent announcement of the Socceroo squad for the Czechoslovakian games in Melbourne and Sydney later this month sees the inclusion of Marconi midfielder Ian Gray and evergreen Novocastrian David Lowe.

Both have spent many years at the Fairfield club and are no strangers to soccer in the National Team.

'Iggy' and 'Turbo' have been rewarded

by their call up after consistently high standard performances throughout the first half of the 1990-91 season.

They are both very philosophical regarding their selection in this early stage of proceedings with Gray commenting "being in the final squad of World Cup qualifiers is what its all about."

Lowe's workrate off the ball, combined with his own brand of class when in possession, are clear signs of his



maturity as a player and at 26 is certainly at his peak.

Like most players and supporters of the game, the re-emergence of the Socceroos against first class competition is a moment we eagerly await.



Phillip Tucker, headmaster of Westfields High School, has every reason to be pleased with the lads in his Kissing Point Under 21 side.

Although they lost 1-0 to West Pennant Hills High in the final of the Commonwealth Bank Champion of Champions. They field a side in which all players were under 19 years of age.

In fact some of their players were four years under the age barrier.

Kissing Point belong to the Ku-ring-gai District on Sydney's Upper North Shore and West Pennant Hill compete in the Gladesville — Hornsby

FA, to Ku-ring-gai's west.

Damien Bell and Graham Brown from Kissing Point are both Australian representatives at futsal.

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Alagich points to chance for country youth players

BROKEN HILL YOUTH RECEIVE A CHANCE



Richard Alagich on the ball at the Broken Hill soccer headquarters.

"Country people are never given the chance," is a common complaint but local soccer players have now been given what has been described as the opportunity of a lifetime.

Professional soccer coach and ex-local, Richard Alagich, remembers the difficulties he faced when trying to become a professional sportsman in Broken Hill.

"I knew the hard times when I used to go down to Sydney. I found it pretty tough to try and make it just because I had come from a town that no one had heard of. Now I'm in a

position where I feel I can do something to help the young soccer players from the Hill" he said.

Richard and his father, Rudolph, together created scholarships for two children under the age of 14 years to attend the Pacific Soccer Camp in Sydney where Richard is a coach.

He said if any local club felt one of its players had outstanding talent they should contact Rudolph Alagich to see about a scholarship.

Richard Alagich went to high school in Broken Hill then continued his studies with a scholarship to the College of Physical Education in Zagreb, Yugoslavia, and the Faculty of Physical Education. Later he completed a Masters Degree in Soccer for the Yugoslavian Soccer Federation.

He is now the Sports Master of Manly High School.

Richard also coaches players 15 years and older at the Sydney Academy of Soccer where they train only the "fastest, the most explosive and the most co-ordinated", he said.

"Any child that has

shown outstanding talent from this camp would then, under the scholarship from Rudolph Alagich, be invited to train with the elite squad of kids (from the Academy of Soccer)".

Tertiary students' Soccer tour

Over 6,000 athletes and officials will be involved in the World Student Games, to be held in Sheffield, England, from 14/25 July next.

Soccer football will feature prominently amongst the 11 sports involved.

The Australian Universities Sports Association covers 22 affiliated universities in the Commonwealth, and came into being in 1921.

All close-by accommodation in Sheffield is either purpose built or refurbished.

The estimated tour cost is \$2 500 for AVSA students and \$3 000 for other students.

Nominations by players is required by February 15, 1991.

Details can be obtained from Keith Tufley (02 229 8476).

Look for further details in the advertisement headed "World Student Games" in this issue of ASW.

— KEITH GILMOUR

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Cruyff re-signs for Barcelona

JOHAN CRUYFF has signed for another two years as Barcelona coach, leaving him at the helm of the crack Spanish side until mid-1993.



The former Dutch international star had not been expected to discuss the renewal of his contract, which runs out at the end of June, until early in February.

Under Cruyff, Barcelona have raced to a commanding First Division lead, eclipsing last year's champions, and arch-rivals, Real Madrid.

Cruyff joined Barcelona as coach in the 1988-89 season, and

in his first year with the Catalan club, brought home the European Cup-Winners' Cup.

He came from coaching Ajax, winners of the same cup two years earlier.

Barcelona won the Spanish league in the 1984-85 season with English coach Terry Venables.

Cruyff himself played for Barcelona in the 1970s before a two-year stint in the now-defunct North American Soccer League.

Ubaldo Fillol has retired

UBALDO Matildo Fillol, goalkeeper of Argentina's 1978 World Cup-winning team, ended his illustrious career with a brilliant display against his old club River Plate.

Fillol was the star of the match in which his actual current, Velez Sarsfield, beat River Plate 2-1 and deprived Daniel Passarella's club of the chance to win the Argentine league.

The brilliant ex-international was instrumental in the victory, saving a penalty from Uruguayan striker Ruben Da Silva.

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CAMEROUN'S NEW COACH

CAMEROUN, the revelation of the 1990 World Cup finals, have appointed Frenchman Philippe Redon as their new coach, taking over from Soviet Valery Nepomniachi.

Forty-year-old Redon, who coached French Second Division club Creteil from the Paris suburbs, is also a karate black belt.

Redon's appointment returns Cameroun to the French fold, so to speak, as they have always had a Frenchman in charge of their national team apart from Nepomniachi's 10-month stint.

NEW-LOOK BORDEAUX

MILLIONAIRE optician Alain Afflelou has taken over scandal-hit and financially troubled French club Bordeaux.

The Algerian-born Afflelou, a dynamic young businessman who boasts France's largest chain of opticians' outlets, was elected president in place of Claude Bez who resigned after being charged with fraud.

Afflelou, who has been involved in soccer for several years through sponsorship deals with major clubs Monaco, Marseille and Paris St Germain, said his first task would be to reduce Bordeaux's crippling \$63 million deficit and find fresh sources of cash.



He said he had turned down several previous offers to take over the presidency of leading soccer clubs but had agreed with Bordeaux for sentimental reasons.

The controversial and outspoken Bez was one of 11 people charged recently in connection with financial irregularities at the Bordeaux and Toulon clubs.

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Thomas N'Kono

"Spiderman" was the toast of Africa

THE build-up to the World Cup gave the "Bell or N'Kono" saga — the longest-running soap opera in African soccer — another chance to make headlines on the African sports pages.

Antoine Bell was expected to emerge as Cameroun's top keeper.

He had shown great form in France, where Bordeaux had been among the title challengers, and had kept a clean sheet in the final World Cup qualifying tie with Tunisia.

When the team was named Bell was indeed in the side, but then came the aftermath of his untimely remarks criticising the team's build-up to Italy.

The Cameroun Football Federation were not amused and when the Lions marched out against Argentina, there, yet again, was the familiar figure of Thomas N'Kono.

Indeed the debate as to which of these keepers is the best seems only to exist among fans and writers, for whenever the two have been available for selection, N'Kono has nearly always been first choice.

He is the only player to win the African Player of the Year award on two occasions, and not surprisingly is one of the most popular figures in African football.

N'Kono started his career as a promising winger with L'Eclair de Doula.

One day the goalkeeper didn't arrive, N'Kono stepped in, and that was to be start of a legend.

During these early days of playing on dry, hard pitches N'Kono got into the habit of wearing black tracksuit trousers, now his trade mark earning him the nickname of Black Spider.

By the 1974-75 season he was showing such promise that he was invited to join Canon, and his promotion to the first team, and then the national squad, followed in rapid succession.

With Canon regularly qualifying for African competitions, N'Kono was soon getting plenty of experience of travelling and playing around the continent, and his reputation started to spread. In 1978 he was third in the African player of the year poll, and the following year he won the trophy for the first time.

In height and build N'Kono is an ideal size for a keeper — 1.83 meters and 80 kg.

He is agile, and has the calm temperament that is vital for the job. But his position as Africa's No.1 has not come without a lot of hard work.

In the early days his punching and positioning for crosses were



Thomas N'Kono: currently "unemployed."

weak, and improvement has come only from hours of training.

Decisive

Although Cameroun clubs had become the leading force in Africa, the national team continued to disappoint their fans.

The breakthrough came in the 1982 World Cup qualifying rounds and the final, decisive game was against Morocco — in which N'Kono saved a penalty.

He went to Spain as a 26-year-old with 54 internationals to his credit, but he had seen little of football outside of Africa.

The first World Cup tie was against Peru, and N'Kono appeared nervous in the opening minutes.

But when Cubillas slipped through to shoot, N'Kono brought off a great reflex save.

That was just what he was looking for, and from there he got better and better.

Ironically, his one mistake against Italy cost the side a place in the next round and, later, became the big question mark in the alleged bribe scandal.

When you recall the 30 metre shot N'Kono tipped over the bar, his save from Tardelli, and finally his desperate dive to deprive Graziani of a goal, it seems impossible to imagine that Cameroun, and N'Kono particularly, were giving anything less than 100 per cent.

There were certainly no doubts expressed at the time, and N'Kono was voted African Player of the Year for the second occasion.

He also won the hearts of the Spanish fans, and at the end of the tournament signed for Espanol of Barcelona.

Cameroun's first success on the domestic front came in 1984, when the team went to the Ivory Coast and won the Nations Cup.

N'Kono opened the tournament as first-choice goalkeeper but flew to Spain to play in a league match and did not return, giving Bell the chance to prove himself as a capable deputy.

Two years later, in Egypt, N'Kono was back in the team, and on this occasion he played in every game as Cameroun reached the final.

But Cameroun now had so many stars playing overseas that it was difficult to get a team together for important qualifying games.

N'Kono was often absent — he missed the 1986 World Cup defeat by Zambia, the 1987 African Games, and the 1988 Nations' Cup, when, with Bell in goal, the West Africans won

their second title in six years.

N'Kono, however, was enjoying a particularly successful spell in Spain, where Espanol had unexpectedly qualified for Europe.

He was particularly impressive in their UEFA Cup win over Inter Milan, one of the great surprises of that year's competition.

So to Italy, and Cameroun's spectacular string of victories. N'Kono provided many of the best memories — his saves in the opening minutes against Argentina, his willingness to leave his area to collect the ball, and that dive to tip a Colombian free-kick over the bar. It made you see exactly why he has remained Cameroun's choice for so long, against such good opposition.

Surprisingly, Espanol let N'Kono go after the World Cup and he is now "unemployed".

— courtesy WORLD SOCCER



Inter Milan's Jurgen Klinsmann seems to be surrendering to this Italian league opponent, but the German ace is amongst the leading scorers in the First Division.

EURO-92 AT A GLANCE

Group 1 (Spain, Czechoslovakia, France, Iceland, Albania)

30. 5.90	Iceland-Albania	2-0
5. 9.90	Iceland-France	1-2
26. 9.90	Czechoslovakia-Iceland	1-0
10.10.90	Spain-Iceland	2-1
13.10.90	France-Czechoslovakia	2-1
14.11.90	Czechoslovakia-Spain	3-2
17.11.90	Albania-France	0-1
19.12.90	Spain-Albania	9-0
20. 2.91	France-Spain	
30. 3.91	France-Albania	
1. 5.91	Albania-Czechoslovakia	
26. 5.91	Albania-Iceland	
5. 6.91	Iceland-Czechoslovakia	
4. 9.91	Czechoslovakia-France	
25. 9.91	Iceland-Spain	
12.10.91	Spain-France	
16.10.91	Czechoslovakia-Albania	
13.11.91	Spain-Czechoslovakia	
13.11.91	France-Iceland	
18.12.91	Albania-Spain	



FRANCK SAUZEÉ
(France)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
France	3	3	0	0	5	2	6
Spain	3	2	0	1	13	4	4
Czechoslovakia	3	2	0	1	5	4	4
Iceland	4	1	0	3	4	5	2
Albania	3	0	0	3	0	12	0

Group 2 (Romania, Scotland, Bulgaria, Switzerland, San Marino)

12. 9.90	Switzerland-Bulgaria	2-0
12. 9.90	Scotland-Romania	2-1
17.10.90	Romania-Bulgaria	0-3
17.10.90	Scotland-Switzerland	2-1
14.11.90	Bulgaria-Scotland	1-1
14.11.90	San Marino-Switzerland	0-4
5.12.90	Romania-San Marino	6-0
27. 3.91	Scotland-Bulgaria	
27. 3.91	San Marino-Romania	
3. 4.91	Switzerland-Romania	
1. 5.91	Bulgaria-Switzerland	
1. 5.91	San Marino-Scotland	
22. 5.91	San Marino-Bulgaria	
5. 6.91	Switzerland-San Marino	
11. 9.91	Switzerland-Scotland	
16.10.91	Bulgaria-San Marino	
16.10.91	Romania-Scotland	
13.11.91	Scotland-San Marino	
13.11.91	Romania-Switzerland	
20.11.91	Bulgaria-Romania	



DORIN MATEUT
(Romania)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Scotland	3	2	1	0	5	3	5
Switzerland	3	2	0	1	7	2	4
Bulgaria	3	1	1	1	4	3	3
Romania	3	1	0	2	7	6	2
San Marino	2	0	0	2	0	10	0

Group 3 (Italy, USSR, Hungary, Norway, Cyprus)

12. 9.90	USSR-Norway	2-0
10.10.90	Norway-Hungary	0-0
17.10.90	Hungary-Italy	1-1
31.10.90	Hungary-Cyprus	4-2
3.11.90	Italy-USSR	0-0
14.11.90	Cyprus-Norway	0-3
22.12.90	Cyprus-Italy	0-4
3. 4.91	Cyprus-Hungary	
17. 4.91	Hungary-USSR	
1. 5.91	Italy-Hungary	
1. 5.91	Norway-Cyprus	
22. 5.91	USSR-Cyprus	
5. 6.91	Norway-Italy	
28. 8.91	Norway-USSR	
25. 9.91	USSR-Hungary	
12.10.91	USSR-Italy	
30.10.91	Hungary-Norway	
13.11.91	Italy-Norway	
13.11.91	Cyprus-USSR	
21.12.91	Italy-Cyprus	



GIANCARLO MAROCCHI
(Italy)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Italy	3	0	2	0	5	1	4
Hungary	3	1	2	0	5	3	4
Soviet Union	2	1	1	0	2	0	3
Norway	3	1	1	1	3	2	3
Cyprus	3	0	0	3	2	11	0

Group 4 (Yugoslavia, Denmark, Austria, Northern Ireland, Faroe Islands)

12. 9.90	Northern Ireland-Yugoslavia	0-2
12. 9.90	Faroe Islands-Austria	1-0
10.10.90	Denmark-Faroe Islands	4-1
17.10.90	Northern Ireland-Denmark	1-1
31.10.90	Yugoslavia-Austria	4-1
14.11.90	Denmark-Yugoslavia	0-2
14.11.90	Austria-Northern Ireland	0-0
27. 3.91	Yugoslavia-Northern Ireland	
1. 5.91	Yugoslavia-Denmark	
1. 5.91	Northern Ireland-Faroe Islands	
14. 5.91	Yugoslavia-Faroe Islands	
22. 5.91	Austria-Faroe Islands	
5. 6.91	Denmark-Austria	
11. 9.91	Faroe Islands-Northern Ireland	
25. 9.91	Faroe Islands-Denmark	
9.10.91	Austria-Denmark	
16.10.91	Faroe Islands-Yugoslavia	
16.10.91	Northern Ireland-Austria	
13.11.91	Denmark-Northern Ireland	
13.11.91	Austria-Yugoslavia	



JAVOR JOZIC
(Yugoslavia)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Yugoslavia	3	3	0	0	8	1	6
Denmark	3	1	1	1	5	4	3
Faroe Islands	2	1	0	1	2	4	2
N. Ireland	3	0	2	1	1	3	2
Austria	3	0	1	2	1	5	1

Group 5 (FR Germany, Belgium, Wales, Luxembourg)

17.10.90	Wales-Belgium	3-1
31.10.90	Luxembourg-FR Germany	2-3
14.11.90	Luxembourg-Wales	0-1
27. 2.91	Belgium-Luxembourg	
27. 3.91	Belgium-Wales	
1. 5.91	FR Germany-Belgium	
5. 6.91	Wales-FR Germany	
11. 9.91	Luxembourg-Belgium	
16.10.91	FR Germany-Wales	
13.11.91	Wales-Luxembourg	
20.11.91	Belgium-FR Germany	
17.12.91	FR Germany-Luxembourg	



BODO ILLGNER
(Germany)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wales	2	2	0	0	4	1	4
Germany	1	1	0	0	3	2	2
Luxembourg	2	0	0	2	2	4	0
Belgium	1	0	0	1	1	3	0

Group 6 (Holland, Portugal, Greece, Finland, Malta)

12. 9.90	Finland-Portugal	0-0
17.10.90	Portugal-Holland	1-0
31.10.90	Greece-Malta	4-0
21.11.90	Holland-Greece	2-0
25.11.90	Malta-Finland	1-1
19.12.90	Malta-Holland	0-8
23. 1.91	Greece-Portugal	
9. 2.91	Malta-Portugal	
20. 2.91	Portugal-Malta	
13. 3.91	Holland-Malta	
17. 4.91	Holland-Finland	
16. 5.91	Finland-Malta	
5. 6.91	Finland-Holland	
11. 9.91	Portugal-Finland	
9.10.91	Finland-Greece	
16.10.91	Holland-Portugal	
30.10.91	Greece-Finland	
20.11.91	Portugal-Greece	
4.12.91	Greece-Holland	
22.12.91	Malta-Greece	



MARCO VAN BASTEN
(Holland)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Holland	3	1	0	1	10	1	4
Portugal	2	1	1	0	1	0	3
Greece	2	1	0	1	4	2	2
Finland	2	0	2	0	2	2	2
Malta	3	0	1	2	2	14	1

Group 7 (England, Republic of Ireland, Poland, Turkey)

17.10.90	England-Poland	2-0
17.10.90	Republic of Ireland-Turkey	5-0
14.11.90	Republic of Ireland-England	1-1
14.11.90	Turkey-Poland	0-1
27. 3.91	England-Republic of Ireland	
17. 4.91	Poland-Turkey	
1. 5.91	Turkey-England	
1. 5.91	Republic of Ireland-Poland	
16.10.91	Poland-Republic of Ireland	
16.10.91	England-Turkey	
13.11.91	Turkey-Republic of Ireland	
13.11.91	Poland-England	



GARY LINEKER
(England)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rep. of Ireland	2	1	1	0	6	1	3
England	2	1	1	0	3	1	3
Poland	2	1	0	1	1	2	2
Turkey	2	0	0	2	0	6	0





France's enfant terrible, Eric Cantona, is still out injured and doubtful for the vital Euro-92 qualifier against Spain next month.

Magazine for hooligans!

A top-selling new magazine in Italy is aimed at soccer thugs — and it holds up English fans as role models.

Hooligans, which will come out monthly, says the ideal Englishman abroad sports a skinhead, a pair of Doc Martens, and a rash of tattoos.

He lets out a string of expletives whenever he opens his mouth, and goes to matches purely in the hope of creating trouble.

Italian soccer fans have snapped up all 60,000 copies of the first issue.

Hooligans is published in Milan by Trastevere, which also brings out a magazine for teenagers interested in swear-words, and another devoted to skateboarding.

It describes itself as the mouthpiece for Italian football fans who "do not love violence, but do not fear it either".

Its idols are the English who inspired it.

"For as long as we can remember the English have been the fans whom the authorities have feared the most.

"Violent and aggressive, the English football fan does not limit himself to self-defence, as the Anglo-Saxon culture dictates, but actively seeks provocation and clashes," the first edition of the magazine reads.

The magazine helpfully points out to Italian novices the importance of tattoos and a good pair of Doc Martens.

"With Doc Martens you feel as though your shoulders are broader.

"Even if they are on the feet of pigs or dogs, they are, apart from being a beautiful pair of shoes, a symbol.

"And let's not forget, in times of need they are very useful."

In the many pages dedicated to them, English fans describe

about politics or we are right wing. Above all we are nationalists," explains one fan.

The publishers of Hooligans say they



Hooligans, would you believe, now have their own magazine?

their tactics and victories.

"If you manage to dodge the police you win," says an Arsenal fan.

Italians, whose violent letters are not accepted by other magazines, write in to boast of their exploits, ripping up trains and people.

"We skinheads fight for the sake of fighting. True skinheads are working class, white and patriotic. Either we don't care

thought of the magazine after receiving a number of letters from football fans disillusioned at not seeing their views published elsewhere.

Not all Italian fans are happy with the publication.

"Even if it does not instigate violence, it will certainly set a bad example to fans.

"A magazine or newspaper should give out a positive message," said an Inter Milan follower.

East German SOS

EASTERN Germany's soccer chief wants to boost his clubs' chances of survival by borrowing reserve players from the Bundesliga and twinning eastern with western First Division teams.

Many of the 14 clubs in the Oberliga, the old East German First Division, are close to collapse after losing state funding.

Leading players have been sold to the west and attendances have slumped.

German soccer weekly "Fuwo" quoted the president of the Oberliga, Hans-Georg Moldenhauer, as saying he would propose two ways of helping the division at the next meeting of the united German football federation (DFB) leadership.

The first would entail borrowing talented reserve players from the Bundesliga to help attract spectators.

The other scheme would involve twinning eastern clubs with Bundesliga partners and swapping management between them.

At the end of this season the Oberliga will be broken up with the top two teams joining the Bundesliga in a united

league.

The other teams will play in regional Second Division.

NEW-LOOK ARGENTINA



DIEGO Maradona has been left out of Argentina's national squad but has been given an open invitation to join the team whenever he wishes.

New coach Alfio Basile has named only three players from the 1990 World Cup squad in his 25-man squad to face Hungary in its first international match of the season on February 19 in Mar del Plata.

Basile says that Maradona is welcome to join the national team whenever he chooses.

Argentine Football Association president Julio Grondona says the three surviving players from Italia '90 are goalkeeper Sergio Goycochea and defenders Oscar Ruggeri and Nestor Fabbri.

Ethnic strife threatens Yugoslavia

YUGOSLAVIA'S smooth progress towards the European championship finals with one of the continent's most talented teams could be upset by the ethnic tension that has taken grip of the country's club football, but improved by Dragan Stojkovic's return after injury.

Riots on the terraces and aggravation in the boardrooms among men whose sense of identity is more strongly tied up with their home regions than their 'nation' have all but overshadowed the remarkable job done by national coach Ivic Osim.

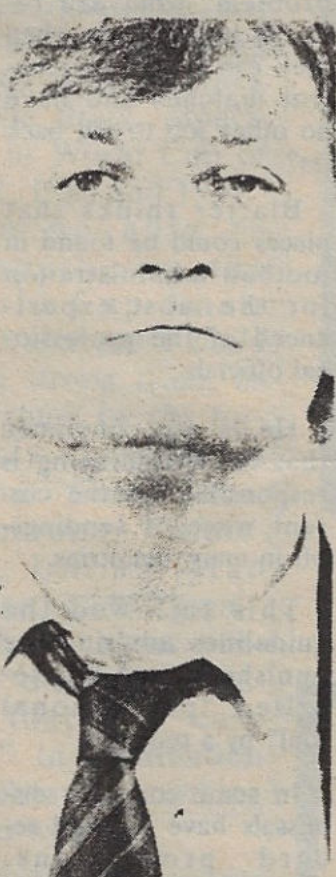
He has had to do a supreme balancing between not only the ethnic regions of Yugosla-

via — and particularly between Serbia and Croatia — but also between the old exiled players who have moved abroad and the talented youngsters who stayed at home.

At first, his decision to retain the "foreign legion" earned him severe criticism, but recent results, particularly Yugoslavia's perfect qualifying record after their three opening matches on the road to the European finals, have helped change minds.

Osim's initial success in leading his team to a 2-0 win in Belfast against Northern Ireland was one thing, but it was the 4-1 win over Austria at the end of October in Yugoslavia's 500th international fixture that turned him into a local hero.

After being the butt of jokes and criticism,



IVICA OSIM

Osim became the unifying force in a period

of domestic chaos, and this feeling was intensified when he guided his team to a 2-0 win over Denmark in Copenhagen.

The most likely source of domestic trouble was from Hajduk Split, when their fans ran amok during the fixture against Partizan Belgrade.

The Croatians were punished by having to play their next four home matches more than 150 kilometres away.

Hajduk slipped to 17th in the table, sacked coach Luka Peruzovic and suffered internal problems when they pulled off an unusual feat by signing American defender Desmond Armstrong on a one year contract, so reversing the normal drain of talent from east to west. Stojkovic, the star

midfielder who moved to Marseille after the World Cup finals, flew back to Belgrade to convalesce after a knee operation in Colmar and is expected back in action by the end of February.

While Stojkovic flew home, however, another Yugoslav talent flew in the other direction and disappeared briefly.

The 18 year-old Igor Jovicevic, of Dinamo, reappeared in France, where he was said to be attracting great interest from Auxerre, Paris, St Germain and Monaco.

Jovicevic's rush to the west had more to do with ambition than the upheaval at Dinamo, where the club have changed their identity completely by bringing in a new committee, coach and name.



Borussia Dortmund v Anderlecht UEFA Cup Round 3 action in the snow in Germany. Anderlecht qualified for the quarter-finals to be played in March.

Italy to switch to pro refs

BY ARTHUR ROTMIL

THE days of the middle-aged amateur referee trying to keep up with virile professional footballers in top-class matches may soon be over.

According to Sepp Blatter, general secretary of FIFA, fully professional referees will officiate at the next World Cup finals, in 1994, in the US, for the first time.

And they will be much younger than their predecessors, for FIFA are going to lower the age limit for international officials from 45 to 40.

These referees will be drawn from those countries which are ready to follow the new directives and produce trained referees — and linesmen.

FIFA will shortly send a circular to all affiliated member countries asking them unconditionally to start training specialist linesmen.

Panel

Already the Italian Football Federation, under pressure from FIFA, have announced that as from season 1993-94, a panel of 40 professional referees will be operating in the First and Second Divisions of the National League.

They will be paid the equivalent of \$100,000 a year, and those with international qualifications could earn up to \$225,000.

These moves are a direct result of the numerous complaints FIFA have received about the disappointing standard of refereeing during Italia '90.

Blatter puts a lot of the criticism down to the fact that many World Cup referees have never played the game, and says: "The

preparation of referees is quite inadequate. Teams have coaches, a doctor, a physiotherapist and manager as motivators.

"But who looks after the referees?"

"They and their linesmen sit in the dressing room and there is nobody to help and instruct them, nobody to warn them about players who are often diving to get penalties, about the known hatchet men, about those who deliberately play offside, and who is notorious for dissent."

"If I were told to control, say, Bayern Munich v Sofia, I must know how the two teams are playing. But in this respect nothing much is being done."

"Who has educated the referees? The old referees. Who checks on the referees? Old referees."

Blatter confirms that FIFA's Executive Committee will debate the question of professional referees, then a total reorganisation of the Referees Commission will be undertaken and new regulations passed at a meeting in February.

Control

Blatter also reiterated that "those referees over 45 caused the biggest problems during Italia '90."

They were no longer able to interpret the rules correctly for they were at a mental and physical disadvantage."

"An amateur referee can control one match, but is often not fit enough to cope with the



Australian referees and linesmen will also be affected by FIFA's proposed reforms.

stress over five-week world finals.

"Some of them have jobs and are refereeing at weekends."

"On Monday they work, on Tuesday they have to fly out to control international games, on Wednesday they officiate, on Thursday they are again on the road and on Friday back at work."

"They never have the time to prepare thoroughly to control matches. But the next World Cup will see many 30-year-old officials."

"During the tournament in Italy many refs apparently complained

of lack of supervision and care. There were cliques who stuck together, there was jealousy and little co-operation."

As for financing the training and engagement of professional referees, Blatter explains: "Every FA providing game officials will have to collect from the national league five per cent of the takings."

"This should be enough to organise courses for professional referees and to pay them."

There is, however, some resistance to these plans, notably in Italy.

World Cup referee

Luigi Agnolin, 47, says: "I'm glad I shan't be officiating in 1993. I am in principle against professional status. Who is going to protect us from the sponsors, the managers and agents, or manipulators?"

Positive

On the other hand, club presidents and team managers are apparently in favour.

They see the move as a positive step towards improving declining standards.

But according to some experts it may not be easy to find 40 first-class officials who will give up their present occupations.

This could be a major problem: what are referees going to do when they can no longer control matches and have no other job to fall back on?

Blatter thinks that places could be found in football administration for the most experienced of the professional officials.

He is not convinced that inept refereeing is responsible for the current wave of sendings-off in many countries.

This followed the guidelines advising the punishment of the so-called "professional foul" by a red card.

In some countries dismissals have reached record proportions, although the game is certainly not dirtier.

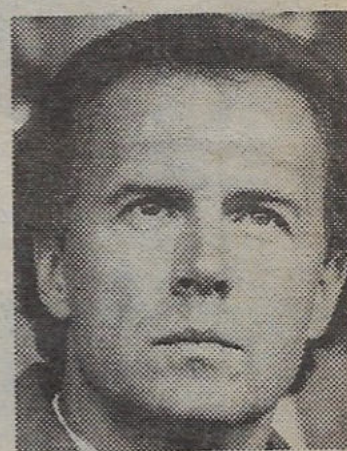
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South African breakthrough?

SOUTH African star Jomo Sono is trying to line up former New York Cosmos teammates like Pelé, Franz Beckenbauer and Johan Cruyff for testimonial games in South Africa to mark his last season.

Sono, who now owns and plays for his own club, Jomo Cosmos, said he had already got a conditional "yes" from Brazilian stars Zico and Roberto Rivelino to two farewell games in November and December in Johannesburg and Durban.

He said he was waiting for replies for Beckenbauer, Cruyff, Dutch star Johan Neskens and former England dynamo Kevin



FRANZ BECKENBAUER Keegan.

"The games are dependent on a satisfactory solution to the political problems behind the international sports isolation in this country," he said.

There would be no attempts at back-door circumvention of the anti-apartheid sports moratorium that has gathered strength since 1960, when South Africa last appeared in the Olympic Games.

Around the globe

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- Jacek Ziobor, who plays for Montpellier in France, has been voted 1990 Polish Player of the Year.
- Argentine striker Oscar Dertycia, who visited Australia for the 1988 Bicentennial Gold Cup, has joined relegation-threatened Cadiz in the Spanish First Division after unsuccessful trials with Italy's Fiorentina.
- The Mercedes car firm has become the major sponsor of the German national team. They will pay \$6 million a year until 1994.
- Yugoslav coach Aleksander Ristic has resigned from Bundesliga side Dusseldorf to join Second Division Schalke 04, also from Germany.
- The South Korean Federation forked out \$1 million, would you believe, to sign Dieter Trzollek. No, he's not a highly fancied coach, but the masseur of German side Bayer Leverkusen. He will also be attached to the Korean delegation at the Barcelona Olympics.
- Sporting Lisbon have signed Bulgarian international striker Kasimir Balakov for three years.
- Romanian striker Rodion Camataru has left Belgian side Charleroi to join Turkey's Besiktas after England's Wimbledon had shown some interest.



RODION CAMATARU

- Kalli Feldkamp (Kaiserslautern) has been voted German Bundesliga Coach of the Year for 1990, ahead of Bremen's Rehnhagel and Wattenscheid's Bongarts.
- Barcelona's Christo Stoichkov has been named Bulgarian Footballer of the Year for 1990. Stoichkov is serving a six-month suspension for manhandling a referee early last month in the Spanish Super Cup against Real Madrid.
- Newell's Old Boys are the leaders at the halfway mark of the Argentine competition, which resumes on February 22 after a summer break.
- Emilio Butragueno's four goals last month in the Euro-92 9-0 win over Albania has put the Real Madrid striker at the top of the all-time scorers for Spain. "El Buitre" has 26 national team goals to his credit — three more than the great Alfredo di Stefano, now his coach at Madrid.